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Analyse des taux de prise de homard dans la ZPH 41 de 1985 à 1999

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Abstract

Annual standardized lobster catch rates were estimated for five sub-areas of the Lobster Fishing Area (LFA) 41. The five sub-areas were: Crowells Basin (1), SW Browns Bank (2), Georges Basin (3), SE Browns Bank (4), and Georges Bank (5). The catch rates were estimated separately for Fall-Winter (October 16 to April 1) and Spring-Summer (April 2 to October 15) for 1985 to 1999 and from 1994 to 1999 separately due to recent changes in the fishery.

Catch rates from the 1985 to 1999 and the 1994 to 1999 analyses were significantly correlated. For the Fall-Winter portion of the seasons, catch rates in all areas were significantly higher in 1999-2000 than in 1998–1999. For areas 1 and 4 they were still below the peak levels achieved in 1994-1995, but for areas 2, 3, and 5 they were the highest estimated in recent years. For the Spring-Summer portion of the seasons, catch rates were higher in 1999-2000 than in 1998-1999 for areas 1, 3, and 5 but none of these were significantly different and in all areas catch rates were still below peak values. Catch rates were significantly correlated among adjacent areas. Interpretation of these associations requires consideration of migratory information from historical tagging studies.

Resumé

Les taux de prise annuels normalisés de homard ont été estimés pour cinq sous-zones de la zone de pêche du homard (ZPH) 41, à savoir : le bassin de Crowell (1), le sud-ouest du banc de Browns (2), le bassin du banc Georges (3), le sud-est du banc de Browns (4) et le banc Georges (5). Les taux de prise ont été estimés séparément pour l'automne-hiver (du 16 octobre au 1er avril) et le printemps-été (du 2 avril au 15 octobre) de 1985 à 1999, et séparément pour la période de 1994 à 1999 en raison de récents changements relatifs à la pêche.

Les taux de prise déterminés par les analyses de 1985 à 1999 et de 1994 à 1999 étaient étroitement corrélés. Dans le cas de la portion automne-hiver des saisons, les taux de prise dans toutes les sous-zones ont été significativement plus élevés en 1999-2000 qu'en 1998-1999. Dans les sous-zones 1 et 4, ils étaient encore inférieurs aux niveaux records de 1994-1995, mais, dans les sous-zones 2, 3 et 5, ils étaient les plus élevés des dernières années. Pour la portion printemps-été des saisons, les taux de prise ont été plus élevés en 1999-2000 qu'en 1998-1999 dans les sous-zones 1, 3 et 5, mais aucun de ceux-ci ne présentait de différence significative, et les taux de prise étaient encore inférieurs aux niveaux sans précédent dans toutes les sous-zones. Les taux de prise étaient étroitement corrélés entre les sous-zones adjacentes. Pour interpréter ces relations, il faut tenir compte de l'information sur les migrations fournie par les études historiques sur le marquage.

Introduction

Annual trends in catch rates are often used as indices of population change in fisheries stock assessments. A number of factors may influence annual trends in catch rates. Among these factors are vessel type, gear type, captain, directed species, and for lobster, the temperature regime is an important aspect (Paloheimo 1963; Hilborn and Walters 1992). Therefore, understanding annual trends in catch rates is often the first step in assessing the impact of fishing on a population. The analysis presented in this paper represents an initial step in understanding the annual catch rate trends in the LFA 41 lobster fishery. It does this by partitioning the effects of captain changes, changes in directed fisheries from lobster to crab, and within season catchability changes from annual effects using analysis of variance techniques as described by Hilborn and Walters) 1992. We also make an initial attempt at examining temperature influences on these catch rates.

The LFA 41 lobster fishery harvests a relative small amount of lobsters compared to those in the Gulf of Maine / Bay of Fundy / South Shore Nova Scotia lobster fisheries. However, the majority of the lobsters harvested in this fishery are greater than the 50% size-at-maturity for these other lobster fisheries (DFO 2000). As a result, catch rate trends in this fishery may provide important insights into the spawning stock trends for these populations. Tags applied in the inshore Gulf of Maine/ Bay of Fundy/ South Shore Nova Scotia areas and recovered in the LFA 41 area indicate that these populations are linked in some manner. Although at the present time, quantification of the strength of these linkages has not been achieved (Campbell and Stasko 1985; Campbell 1986; Campbell and Stasko 1986; Pezzack and Duggan 1986; and Campbell 1989). As a result, interpretations of annual catch rate trends in LFA 41 may have implications for trends in spawning stock abundance for the areas described above and may affect the view of the stock status of these areas.

It is our hope that these analyses will serve as a template for more in depth analyses of catch rates required to make interpretations over a broader area and that they will serve as a methodological guide for investigating catch rate trends in this fishery.

Materials and Methods

Fishery Background

The lobster fishery in LFA 41 has been conducted since 1971 and daily catches reported in logbooks by area have been maintained since 1980. Catches are reported by fishing area defined as: Crowells Basin (1), SW Browns (2), Georges Basin (3), SE Browns (4), and Georges Bank (5) (Fig. 1).

From 1971 to 1985 the major change in the fishery was the replacement of the original small wooden vessels by larger steel vessels. Several changes have occurred in the fishery in 1985 and include: changing the season from one starting on Jan 1 and ending on Dec 31, to one which starts on Oct 16 and ends

on Oct 15; each of the eight offshore licenses were given a quota of 90 tonnes; and American effort was removed from the fishery (Pezzack and Duggan 1991). More recently, in 1994, trap limits were removed. A directed fishery for Jonah crab began in 1995 (Figs. 2, 3).

Seasonal fluctuations are observed in catches and catch rates. They increase from the beginning of the season to mid-November and then decline until the end of March. Catches and catch rates then increase until the end of May or beginning of June and decline until the end of September (Fig. 3). Currently, eight vessels fish in the LFA 41 lobster fishery. A total of 20 vessels and 29 captains have fished in this fishery form 1980 to 1999 (Tables 1, 2).

In defining the analyses we have used the convention that the designated years are those that describe the year when the season began. For example, the 1985 to 1999 analyses described below refers to analyses for the seasons beginning in October 1985 and October 1999, even though the calendar year for the Spring-Summer fisheries the calendar year is 1986 and 2000 respectively. This convention maintains consistency with the definition of seasons for neighboring LFAs 33 to 38, and identifies fisheries that concentrate on groups of lobsters which molt from May to September. This designation is important because most of the fishery occurs during the intermolt period from October to May.

Catch rate – Data

Data for the catch rate analysis consisted of combined logbook and purchase slip weigh-out data collected for offshore catches from 1985 to1999. Only logbook data collected since the fall of 1985 has been used in this analysis. This date was chosen as the starting point for the analysis because of the changes that were made in the fishery during that year would likely have produced different fishing patterns than those between 1980, when the logbook program began, and 1985.

The logbook data used in the analysis consisted of daily records of number of hauls, daily estimates of lobster catch (pounds), and area of fishing. Crab catches (pounds) were indicated for total trips. Vessel and vessel captain were indicated for each trip. Final sales as recorded on purchase slips were recorded for each trip in pounds and a trip usually consisted of more than one day.

The sum of the daily estimates made by the captain would usually differ from the total recorded on the sales slips. This difference occurred because the captain would estimate the daily totals based on experience whereas the sales slip total for the trip would be based on the weight sold. The sales were assumed to be the most accurate catch data for the trip. Catch by area for the trip was assumed to be proportional to the catch reported by the captains in each area. As a result, the proportion of the total estimated catch in each area was multiplied by the total catches indicated on purchase slips to estimate the catch in each area for the trip.

Effort data were the number of hauls reported in each area by the vessel captains in the logbooks. These were not adjusted in any way.

Daily catch rates (CPUE) by area, vessel, and captain were estimated as catch/haul (kg/haul).

Catch rate - Statistical analysis

Multiplicative model

A number of factors may affect the comparison of annual trends in catch rates from the LFA 41 lobster fishery. These include area fished, the seasonal pattern of catches, the vessel or captain, the removal of trap limits in 1994, and directed fishing trips for Jonah crab which began in 1995. It is expected that the relative catchability may differ among areas as a result of different habitat types, temperature regimes, or other factors. Similarly, seasonal patterns of catchability may differ as a result of seasonal life history differences, such as molting, reproduction, feeding patterns, or responses to temperature (Paloheimo 1963). It has been hypothesized that removal of the trap restriction had the effect of improving the accuracy of reporting on the number of traps. The direction of fishing trips toward crab has been hypothesized to have had an effect on the distribution of effort and catch rates for lobster.

Ideally we would like to have indices of annual changes in catch rate that are independent of area, seasonal, and fishing practice factors. To achieve this objective we used an analysis of variance model that assumed that the catch rate of any factor was a fixed proportion of the catch rate associated with a fixed level of each of the factors we examined. Thus, we assumed that the factors affecting catch rates were multiplicative and log transformed the data, so that the effects would be additive and amenable to standard anova techniques. Reference levels for each analysis were chosen so that the maximum number of cells would be filled. The resulting annual catch rate indices are referred to as indices standardized to the reference level (Gavaris 1980, Kimura 1988).

Analytical framework

We analyzed each area separately and divided the analysis into separate Fall-Winter and Spring-Summer analyses. Fall–Winter is defined as fishing occurring from October 16 to April 1, and Spring–Summer is defined as fishing occurring from April 2 to October 15. Although these factors could have been included in one analysis, keeping them separate in this initial analysis allowed us to ignore possible area and seasonal interaction effects and simplified the initial interpretation of results. Seasonal patterns were considered within each of these analyses, by dividing each season into 14 day periods, designated as 14DayWeek.

1985 to 1999 analysis

Analyses were conducted to compare the entire time series from the 1985-1986 season to the 1999-2000 season using all trips. In this analysis, data from all trips, including those with crab catches in the most recent years were used. Data from all captains regardless of length of time spent in the fishery

were used. These analyses were consistent with those conducted in the February 2000 LFA 41 assessment (DFO 2000). The 1985 to 1999 analyses examined two main effects: year and 14 day period.

1994 to 1999 analysis

The 1994 to 1999 analysis examined four main effects: year, 14 day period, percentage of crab in catch, and captain, by including trips made by the three most consistent captains. Each of the three captains participated in all of these years. These captains were those associated with boats 1, 5, and 19 (Table 2). The influence of the crab fishery was considered by dividing catches into those with 0% crab, 1 – 50% crab, and > 50% crab by weight in the catch for a trip. The reason for completing the 1994 to 1999 analysis in this manner was to contrast the previously used model (1985 to 1999) with one that would take into account principal changes in the fishery in recent years.

Multiplicative model

Taking the logarithms the model becomes)Quinn and Deriso 1999),

$$CPUE = B_0 + \sum_{1}^{k} B_i X_i + \varepsilon$$

B_0 is the coefficient associated with the reference level for each of the factors. X_i refers to the year and 14 day periods for the 1985 to 1999 analyses. X_i for the 1994 to 1999 analyses refers to year, 14 day period, percentage of trip with crab, and captain. The coefficients and variances were transformed to the arithmetic scale according to Gavaris (1980).

Confidence intervals (95%) were as arithmetic scaled coefficients +/- 1.96 x the arithmetic scaled standard error.

Residuals that were < -4 were eliminated. These were rare, but will be examined at some time to determine if they are the result of key punching errors or merely represent unusual catch rates.

A linear regression for each individual area by season was used to determine if the trends for 1994 to 1999 were similar for each of the two analyses (1985 to 1999 versus 1994 to 1999). These analyses were done using the arithmetic scaled annual catch rates as described above.

MATLAB anovan and regress functions were used to determine significant effects ($p<0.01$) and to estimate parameters for these analyses.

Correlations among area catch rates

Catch rates for 1985 to1999 and for 1994 to 1999 were compared among all areas using linear regression. This analysis was done to determine which areas had similar trends in catch rate for the complete time series and for the portion of the time series with the most reliable effort data. The analysis was done separately for the Fall–Winter and Spring–Summer time periods and used the arithmetic scaled annual catch rates. A p-value of 0.05 was considered significant for these analyses.

Temperature effects

Temperature effects were examined only in a preliminary way by comparing the mean October and November temperatures associated with Area 1 catch rates at 30m and 100m depths. Linear regressions of these temperatures against the arithmetically scaled annual catch rates from the 1985 to 1999 and 1994 to 1999 analyses were used to examine the relationship between temperature and catch rates by area and season.

Mean monthly temperatures were obtained from designated areas that corresponded to fishing areas. Fishing Area 1 corresponded to Temperature Area 43 (Fig. 1b). Mean monthly temperatures were available for October for each year from 1985 – 1999. Mean monthly temperatures were available for November for 1985-1989, 1991, 1993-1995, and 1998-1999.

Mean monthly temperatures included temperatures at depths of 30, 50, 75 100, 125, 150, 175, and 200 metres. Correlations among depths were calculated using the MATLAB corrcoef function. The depths to be analyzed were organized into groups with correlation coefficients among them that were > 0.75. The level of 0.75, while arbitrary seemed to provide a reasonable level for depths with similar temperature trends, particularly in this preliminary analysis.

The relationship between mean monthly temperatures and catch rates was determined using linear regression with the following model:

$$CPUE = B_0 + B_1 X + \varepsilon$$

where the B_is are the parameters of the regression model, and X is the mean monthly temperature.

Results

Catch rates – annual trends

All Fall-Winter models were significant for year and 14DayWeek effects for all areas (Appendix 1). For the shorter time series, captain effects were significant for all areas except Area 5 (Appendix 1). Percentage of crab in the catch was not significant in any area.

All Spring-Summer models were significant for year and 14DayWeek effects for all areas in the 1985-1999 time series (Appendix 1). Crab effects were not significant in any area for the short time series. Captain effects were significant only for Area 4 (Appendix 1). In Area 1 only one of the three major captains had fished during the Spring-Summer.

Residual patterns for some area - season combinations, for example, Area 1 Fall-Winter (Appendix T.1) and Areas 1,3, 4, and 5 Spring-Summer (Appendix T.11, 14, 15, and 17), show a tendency to be higher from 1994 to 1999 than from 1985 to 1993.

CPUEs from the1985 to 1999 analysis were significantly correlated with CPUE's from the 1994 to 1999 analysis (Figs. 5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 17).

For the Fall-Winter, catch rates in all areas were significantly higher in 1999-2000 than in 1998-1999 (Figs. 4, 6, 8, 10, 12). For Areas 1 and 4 they were still below the peak levels achieved in 1994-1995, but for Areas 2, 3, and 5 they were the highest estimated in recent years.

For the Spring-Summer, catch rates were higher in 1999-2000 than in 1998-1999 for Areas 1, 3, and 5 but these differences were not significant and in all areas catch rates were still below peak values. Catch rates between the short and long time series were significantly correlated for Areas 1 and 4. For the other areas neither crab nor captain effects were significant (Figs 13, 15, 16, 18).

Catch rates – area correlations

For the 1985-1999 Fall-Winter time period analysis, Area 1 was significantly correlated only with Area 2. Area 2 was significantly correlated with all other areas. Area 3 was significantly correlated with all other areas, except Area 1. Area 4 was significantly correlated with Areas 2 and 3, as was Area 5 (Fig. 19).

For the 1994 to 1999 Fall-Winter period analysis, Area 1 was significantly correlated only with Area 4, Area 2 was significantly correlated with Areas 3 and 5, and Area 5 with Areas 2 and 3 (Fig. 20).

For the 1985 to 1999 Spring-Summer time period analysis, Area 1 was significantly correlated with Areas 2 and 3 (Fig. 21). Area 5 was significantly correlated with all areas except Area 1 (Fig. 19). For the 1994 to 1999 analysis, only Areas 1 and 3 were correlated (Fig. 22).

Temperature effects

For October and November, temperatures at 30m did not have correlation coefficients that were above 0.75 with those at any other depth. In contrast, temperatures at 100m had correlation coefficients that were above 0.75 with all depths except 30m. As a result, mean monthly temperatures at 30m and 100m were compared to catch rates for the appropriate month.

Only the relationships between catch rate and temperature at 30m for the 1985 to 1999 October relationship was significant ($p<0.05$) (Figs. 23, 24).

Discussion

Catch rates

In general, Fall-Winter catch rates were higher than recent mean values but Spring-Summer catch rates were below mean values (Table 6). The addition of captain and crab effects had little effect on the analysis, with the exception of Area 2 in the Spring-Summer. Using the data from 1985 to 1994 for the future depends on the extent to which interpretation will be possible with respect to CPUE before 1994. If effort reporting was unreliable from 1984-1994 it makes

interpretation of these earlier CPUE's with respect to current values uncertain. If they are not going to be used it makes little sense to continue to analyze these data. Therefore, future analyses should concentrate on the years from 1994 to the present.

The model examined here considered captain effects only by using the three captains that were consistent with the whole time series. These results should be compared to those obtained by using all captains over this time period. This comparison will be important to allow continuity in the analysis when these captains drop out of the fishery.

Captain effects were small for this analysis because the three captains accounted for a high percentage of the catch in each area (Fig. 3). Crab catches were not important in the Fall-Winter. They have been an appreciable part of the catch only in the Spring-Summer and only from 1996 to 1998 (Fig. 2).

Catch rates – Area correlations

In general for the Fall-Winter data set (1985-1999) catch rates were significantly correlated with adjacent areas. For example, Areas 1 and 2, and Areas 2, 3, and 5, and Areas 2, 3, and 4 represented sets of significantly correlated areas (Fig. 19). In contrast, Areas 4 and 5 were not correlated (Fig. 19). An analysis of these associations with respect to migration routes determined from tagging may provide insight into the reason for these associations.

Spring-Summer associations seem to indicate a similarity in catch rate trends between Areas 1, 2, and 3, and a block of Areas consisting of 2, 3, 4, and 5 (Fig. 21). Interpretation of these associations requires the inclusion of migratory information.

Temperature effects

The analysis of temperature effects should be viewed as strictly preliminary and a more thorough investigation should be conducted to understand the relationship between temperature and catch rates in LFA 41. This analysis could be done by incorporating a parameter for temperature effects into the model.

Recommendations

The catch rates - area correlations analysis would be strengthened by using a profile analysis where the annual estimates are assumed to be repeated measurements indexed by year. Tests could then be conducted for parallelism, coincidence of curves, and interactions. Interactions between captains and years should be tested to determine if conclusions regarding this part of the analysis are misleading.

The catch rate analysis would be strengthened by comparing the catch rate from an aggregated model to the standardized catch rates to determine if there was an improvement in understanding by including factors for 14 day periods, captain, and percent of crab catches in the analysis. A posteriori

multiple-comparisons tests (for example, Dunnet's test) should be used to determine which levels in each effect, for example, years, are significantly different from each other.

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Table 1. Captain and vessel codes for offshore lobster. For all captains and vessels that have participated in the fishery from 1980-2000.

	Vessel Code																			
Captain Code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1						X														
2	X																			
3	X																			
4		X								X										
5		X																		
6										X										
7										X										
8			X								X									
9											X									
10											X					X				
11											X			X				X		
12					X			X							X					
13							X													
14									X											
15																	X			
16															X		X		X	
17												X		X	X					
18				X									X		X					
19													X							
20																X				
21																X				
22																X				
23				X																
24								X												
25			X																	
26																		X		
27																		X		
28																				X
29																				X

Table 2. Captains for each boat that has fished in the offshore LFA 41 lobster fishery from 1980-2000. The numbers in each vessel code column are the captain codes from Table 1.

	Vessel Code																			
Season	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
80			25	23				12,24		6		17			12	20	15			
81			25	23,18				12		6		17			18,17	21	15			
82			25					12		6		17	18		16	22	15			
83			25					12	14	6		17	18			10	15			
84			8					12		6		17	18,19			10	16			
85					12		13	12		6	8	17				10	16			
85-86					12		13			6	8	17				10			16	
86-87					12					6	8,9			17		10			16	
87-88					12					6	10			17		10			16	
88-89					12					6	10			17,11					16	
89-90					12					6	10			11					16	
90-91					12					6	10								16	
91-92					12					6	10,11								16	
92-93					12					6	10,11								16	
93-94	2				12					6	11							11	16	
94-95	2				12					6								11	16	
95-96	2				12	1				6								11	16	
96-97	2				12	1				6								11	16	
97-98	2,3				12	1				6,7								11	16	28,29
98-99	2				12	1				7,4								11,.26,27	16	29
99-00	2	4,5			12	1				4								26,27	16	29

Table 3. Reference levels for each model tested. Crab reference level for all 1994-2000 analyses was the 0% in the catch category.

	Fall			Spring		
Model	Year	14DayWeek	Captain	Year	14DayWeek	Captain
Crowell Basin (1) – 1985-2000	97-98	27-Nov		87-88	14-May	
Crowell Basin (1) – 1994 - 2000	97-98	13-Nov	2	94-95	14-May	2
SW Browns (2) – 1985 -2000	98-99	27-Nov		89-90	14-May	
SW Browns (2) – 1994 - 2000	94-95	27-Nov	12	95-96	06-Aug	2
Georges Basin (3) – 1985-2000	98-99	19-Feb		91-92	16-Apr	
Georges Basin (3) – 1994 - 2000	94-95	22-Jan	12	95-96	06-Aug	2
SE Browns (4) – 1985 -2000	94-95	27-Nov		93-94	28_May	
SE Browns (4) – 1994 - 2000	95-96	13-Nov	12	98-99	16-Apr	2
Georges Bank (5) – 1985 -2000	88-89	13-Nov		88-89	16-Apr	
Georges Bank (5) – 1994 - 2000	95-96	13-Nov	2	98-99	16-Apr	2

Table 4. Results of anova (p-values) for each Fall–Winter model tested.

Fall – Winter	p-value			
Model	Year	Week	Crab	Captain
Crowell Basin (1) – 1985-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001		
Crowell Basin (1) – 1994-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.1246	0.0002
SW Browns Bank (2) – 1985-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001		
SW Browns Bank (2) – 1994-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.0028	<0.0001
Georges Basin (3) – 1985-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001		
Georges Basin (3) – 1994-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.1593	<0.0001
SE Browns Bank (4) – 1985-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001		
SE Browns Bank (4) – 1994-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.0973	<0.0001
Georges Bank (5) – 1985-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001		
Georges Bank (5) – 1994-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.026	0.2003

Table 5. Results of anova (p-values) for each Spring–Summer model tested. Ns = not significant. Na = model not applicable, for example only one captain was fishing in Crowell Basin 1994-2000.

Spring - Summer	p-value			
Model	Year	Week	Crab	Captain
Crowell Basin (1) – 1985-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001		
Crowell Basin (1) – 1994-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001	Ns	Na
SW Browns Bank (2) – 1985-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001		
SW Browns Bank (2) – 1994-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001	Ns	Ns
Georges Basin (3) – 1985-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001		
Georges Basin (3) – 1994-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001	Ns	Ns
SE Browns Bank (4) – 1985-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001		
SE Browns Bank (4) – 1994-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001	Ns	<0.0001
Georges Bank (5) – 1985-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001		
Georges Bank (5) – 1994-2000	<0.0001	<0.0001	Ns	Ns

Table 6. Average catch rates from 1994-1998 compared to catch rates for 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 Fall-Winter and Spring-Summer season. Means for 1994-1998 are from the analysis for the short time series (1994-2000). If the captain and crab effects were not significant for the short time series, then the catch rates estimated from the long time series (1985-2000) were used.

(A) Fall catch rates in kilogram per trap haul (kg/th) of the five assessment areas.

Area	1994-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000
Crowell Basin	8.20	3.09	5.99
SW Browns Bank	3.93	1.57	4.40
Georges Basin	2.12	1.46	2.66
SE Browns Bank	1.20	0.66	1.01
Georges Bank	7.12	4.43	9.50

(B) Spring catch rates in kilogram per trap haul (kg/th) of the five assessment areas.

Area	1994-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000
Crowell Basin	2.66	1.75	2.98
SW Browns Bank	2.15	1.74	1.63
Georges Basin	2.23	1.09	1.74
SE Browns Bank	2.11	1.78	1.73
Georges Bank	0.43	0.37	0.27

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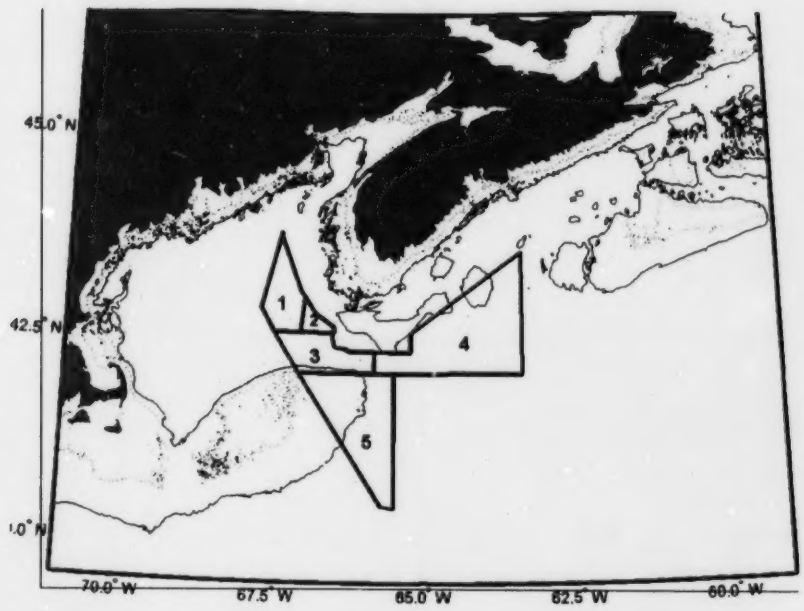

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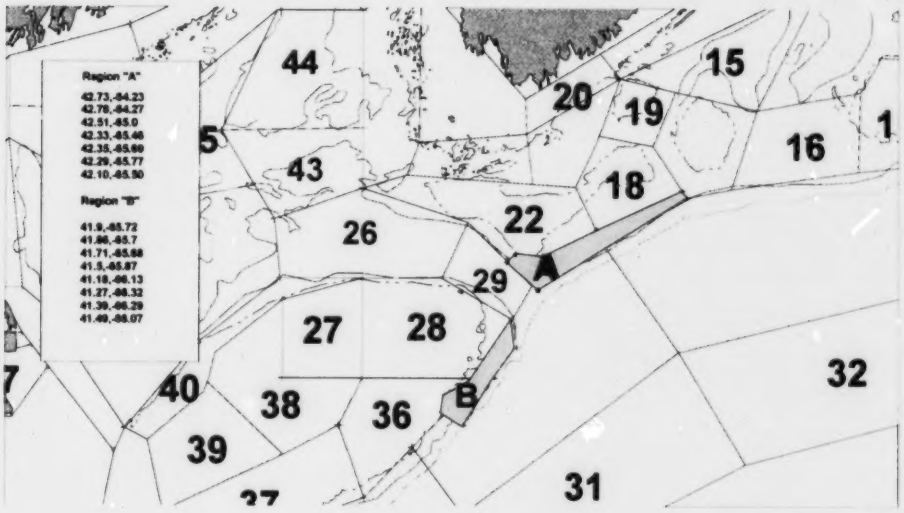


Fig. 1. (A) Map showing offshore areas defined as: Crowell Basin (1), SW Browns Bank (2), Georges Basin (3), SE Browns Bank (4), and Georges Bank (5). This solid line is 100 m depth contour, dotted line is 50 m depth contour. (B) Temperature areas that could be used to examine the relationship between temperature and catch rate in the LFA 41 fishery are areas, 43, 26, 29, A, and B.

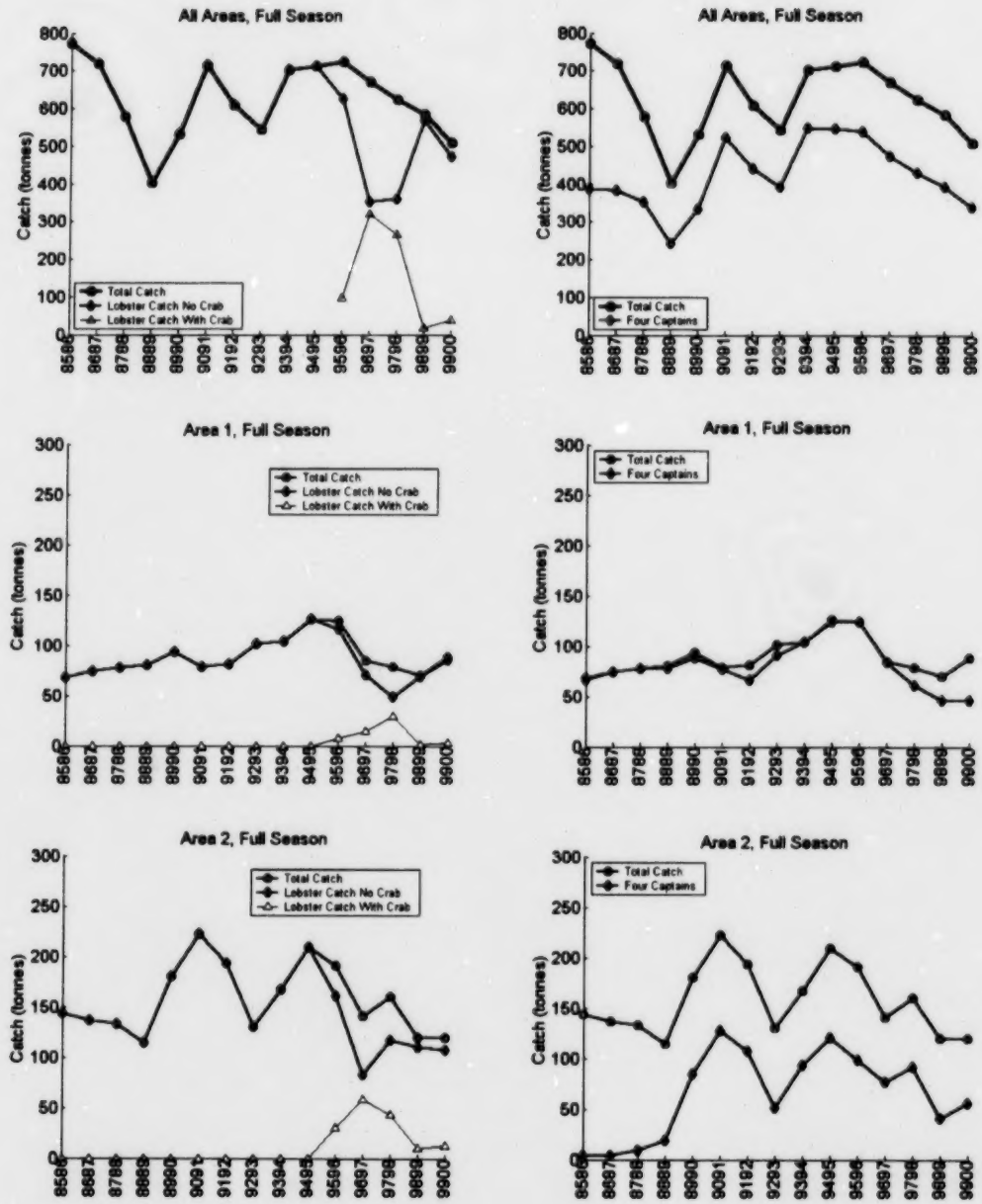
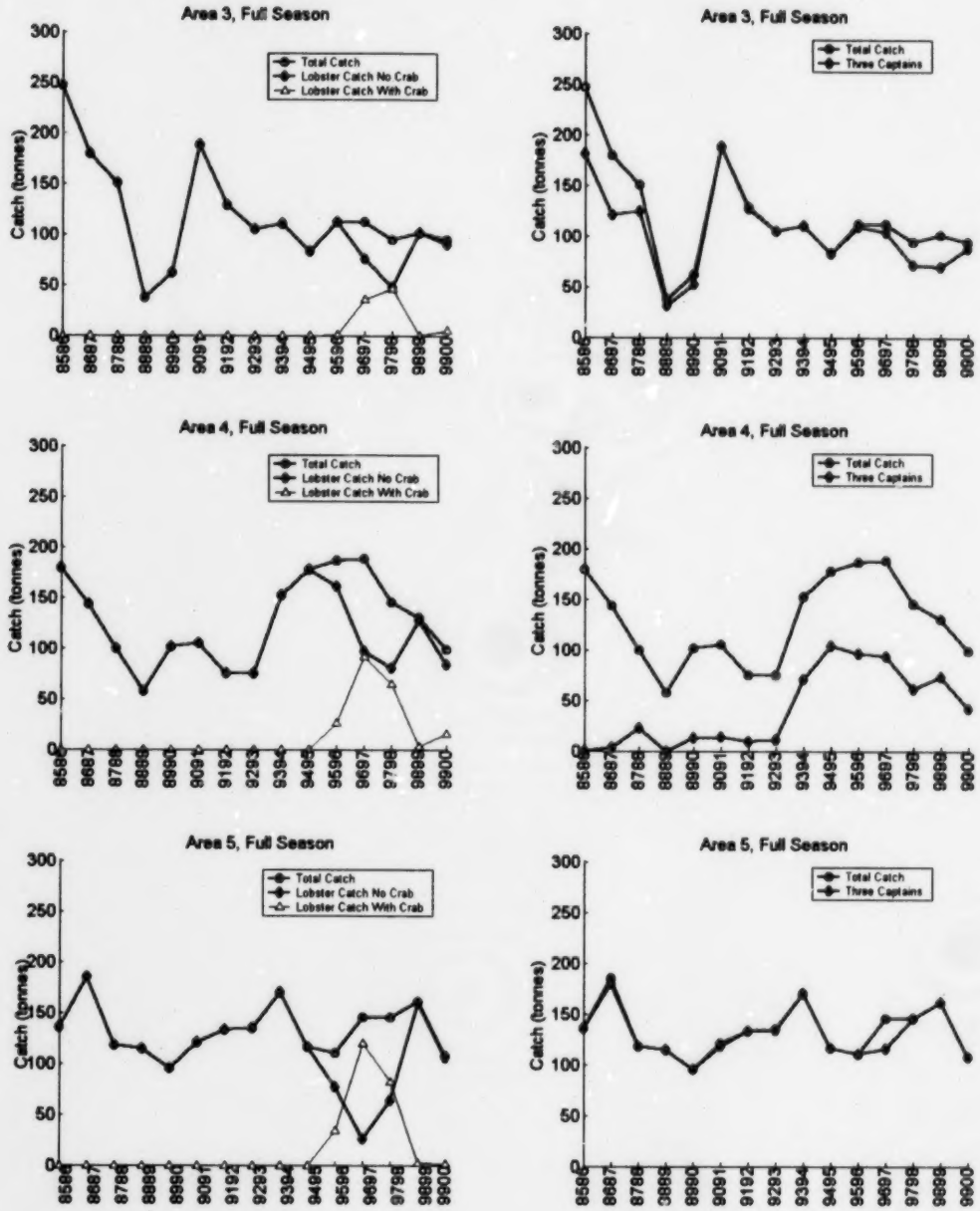


Fig. 2. Annual catch (tonnes) for the LFA 41 fishery by area and all areas. Total Catch for all trips are compared to trips with no crab catches and trips with crab catches.


Area 3, Full Season
Total Catch
Lobster Catch No Crab
Lobster Catch With Crab
Catch (tonnes)
Area 3, Full Season
Total Catch
Three Captains
Catch (tonnes)
Area 4, Full Season
Total Catch
Lobster Catch No Crab
Lobster Catch With Crab
Catch (tonnes)
Area 4, Full Season
Total Catch
Three Captains
Catch (tonnes)
Area 5, Full Season
Total Catch
Lobster Catch No Crab
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Catch (tonnes)
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Total Catch
Three Captains
Catch (tonnes)

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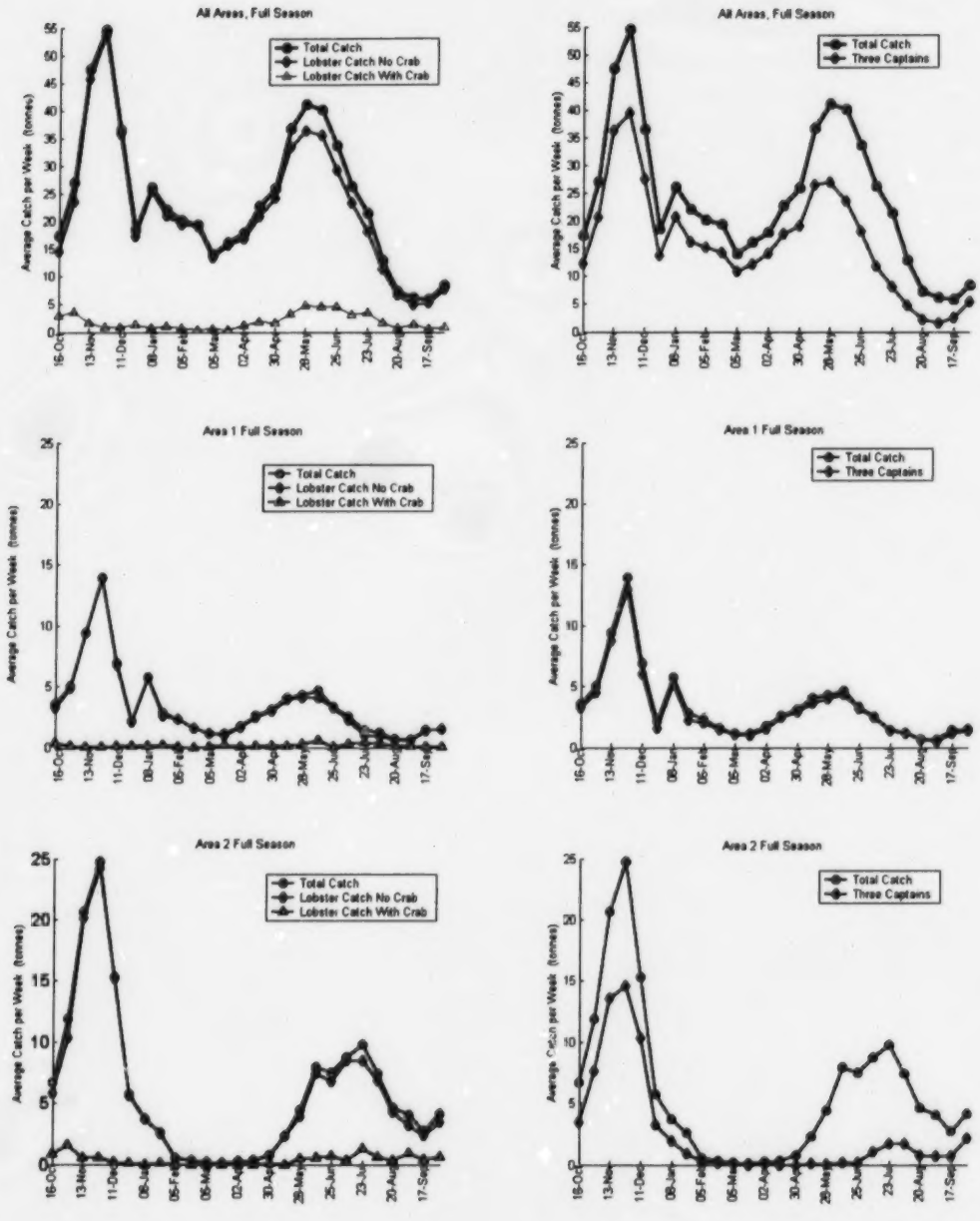
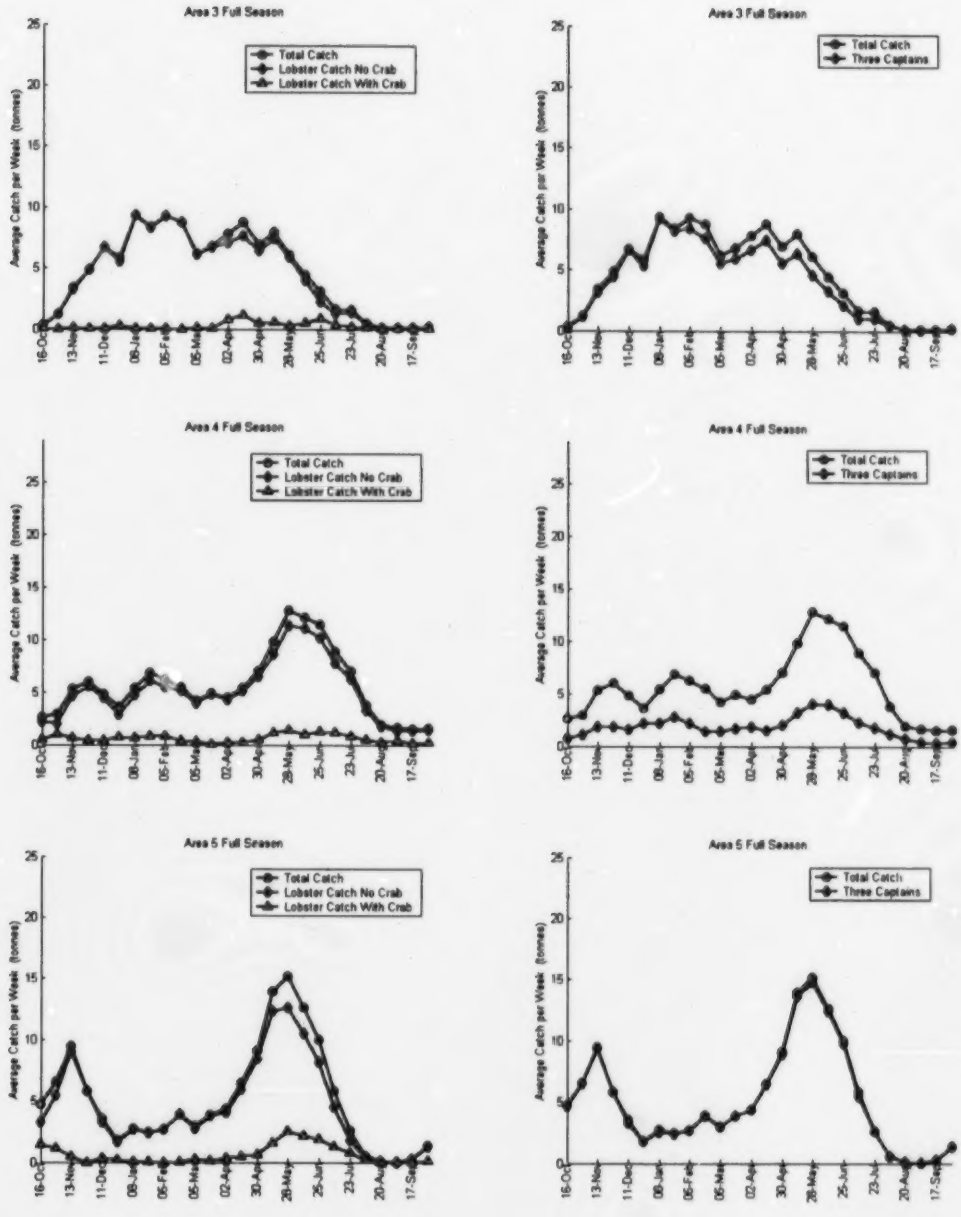


Fig. 3. Timing of catches in the LFA 41 fishery (tonnes), for all areas combined and each area separately. Catches for all trips are compared to those with and without crab landings.


Area 3 Full Season
Total Catch
Lobster Catch No Crab
Lobster Catch With Crab
Average Catch per Week (tonnes)
Area 3 Full Season
Total Catch
Three Captains
Average Catch per Week (tonnes)
Area 4 Full Season
Total Catch
Lobster Catch No Crab
Lobster Catch With Crab
Average Catch per Week (tonnes)
Area 4 Full Season
Total Catch
Three Captains
Average Catch per Week (tonnes)
Area 5 Full Season
Total Catch
Lobster Catch No Crab
Lobster Catch With Crab
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Area 5 Full Season
Total Catch
Three Captains
Average Catch per Week (tonnes)

Fig. 3 (cont.)

Area 1 (Fall – Winter)

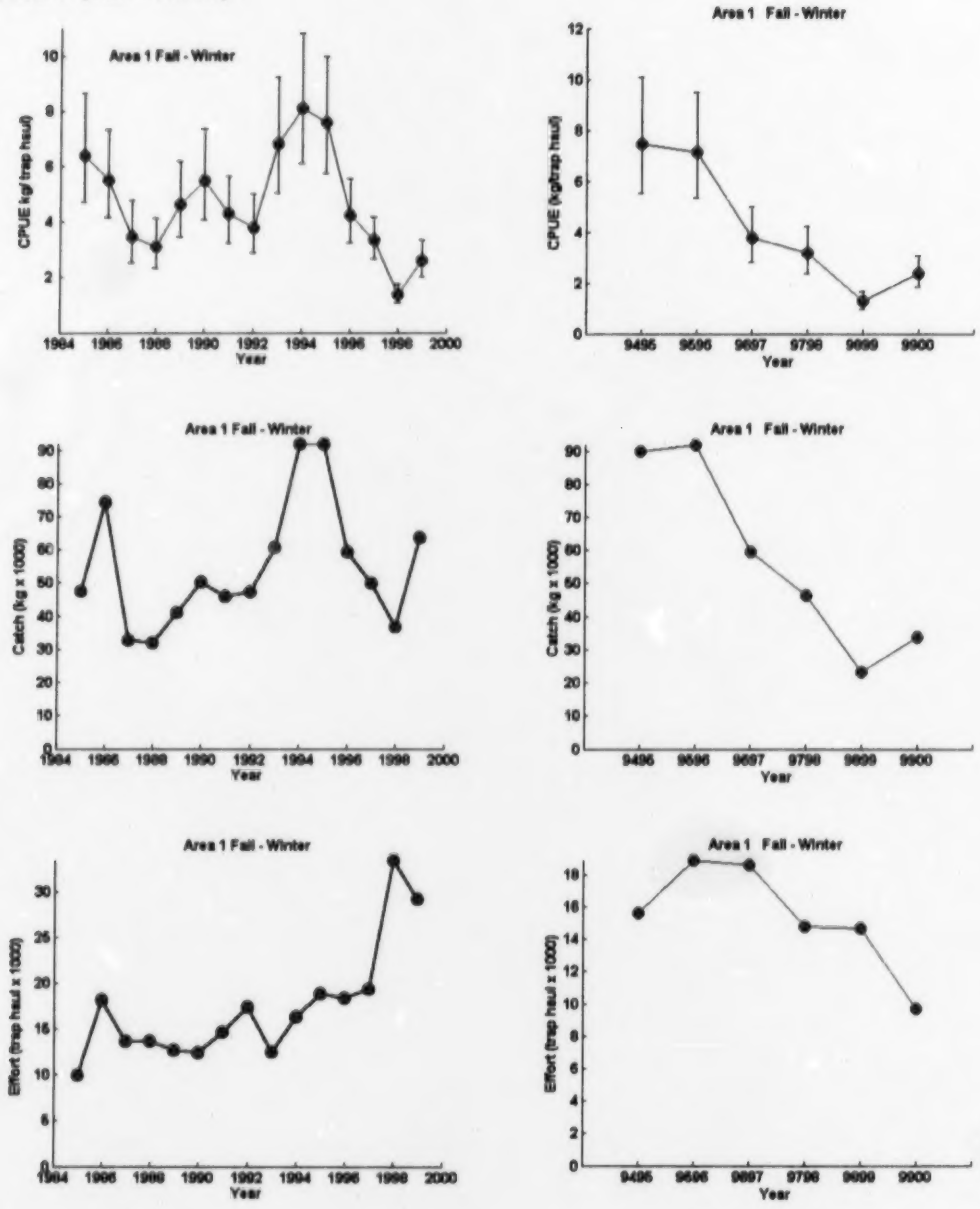


Fig. 4. Catch rate (kg/ haul) (CPUE) for Area 1, Fall – Winter anova models. Left column is the analysis for 1985-2000 and right column is for 1994-2000 with crab and captain effects. Year axis for the left hand column indicates year when fall season began.

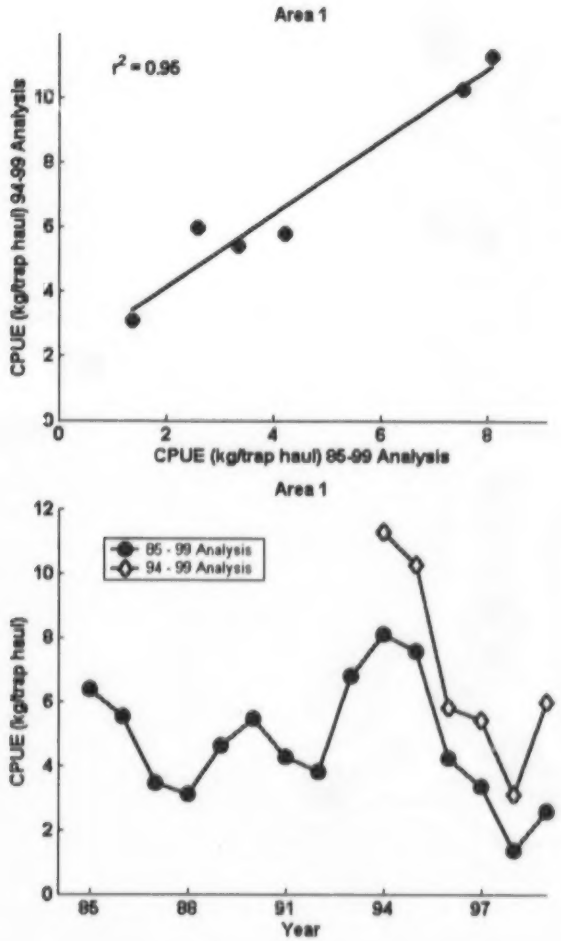
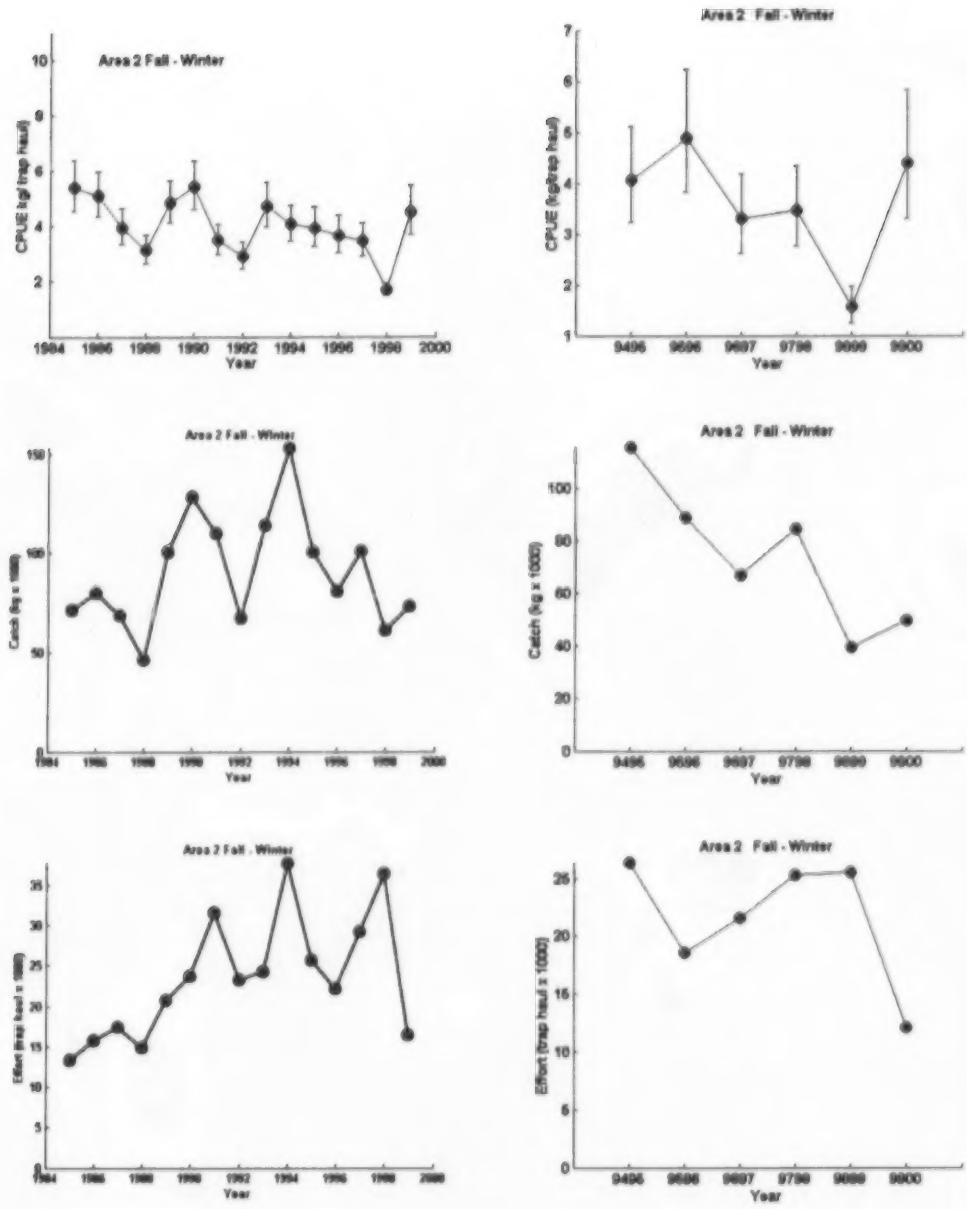


Fig. 5. Comparison of CPUE for 1985-2000 and 1994-2000 model for Area 1, Fall – Winter. Top panel is correlation with r2 between the CPUE for each model, and bottom panel is the CPUE over time for each model. Year is the year the Fall-Winter portion of the season began, see text.



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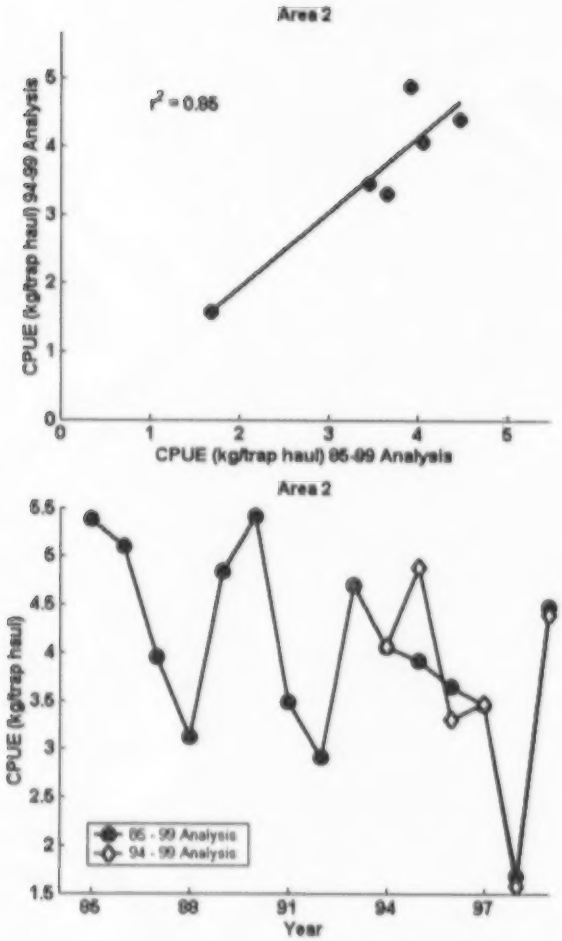

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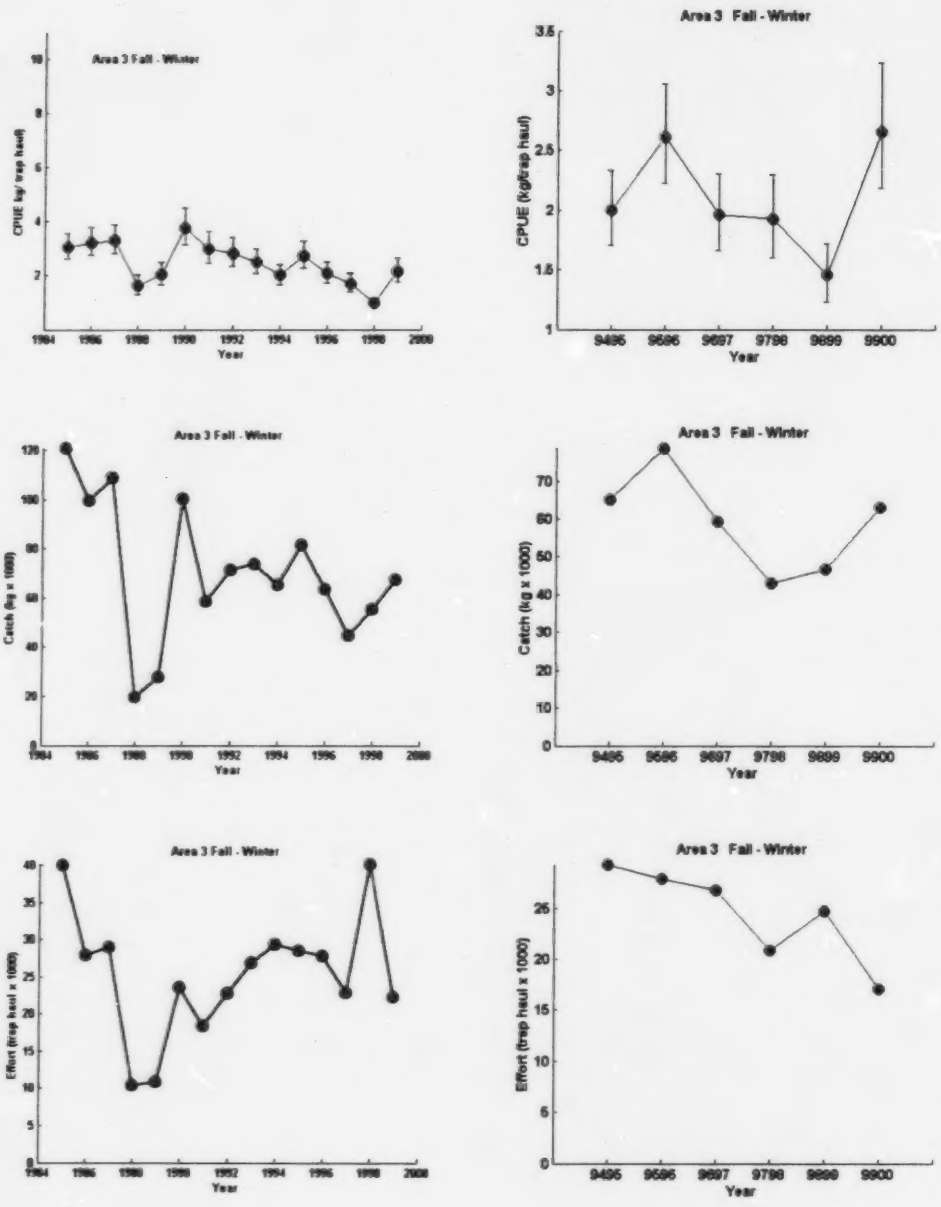

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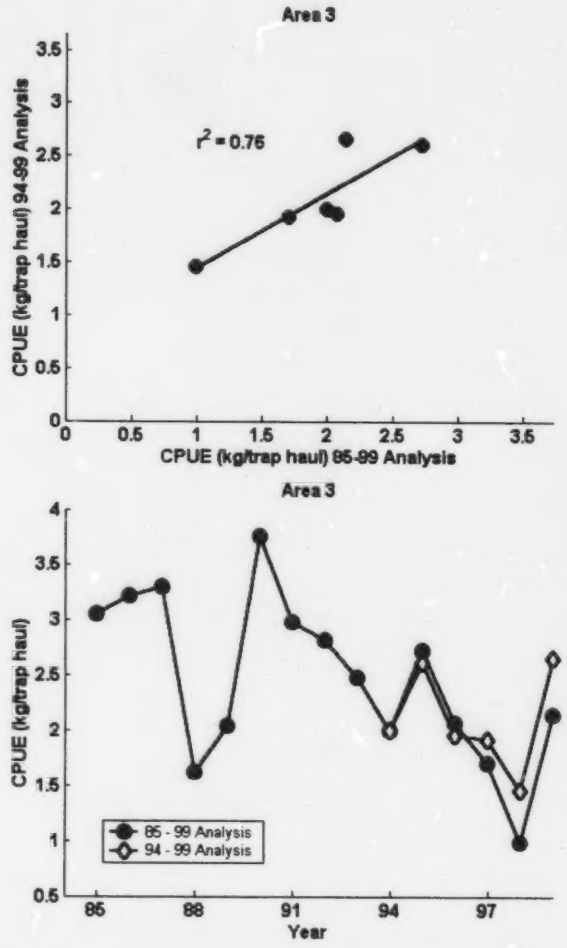
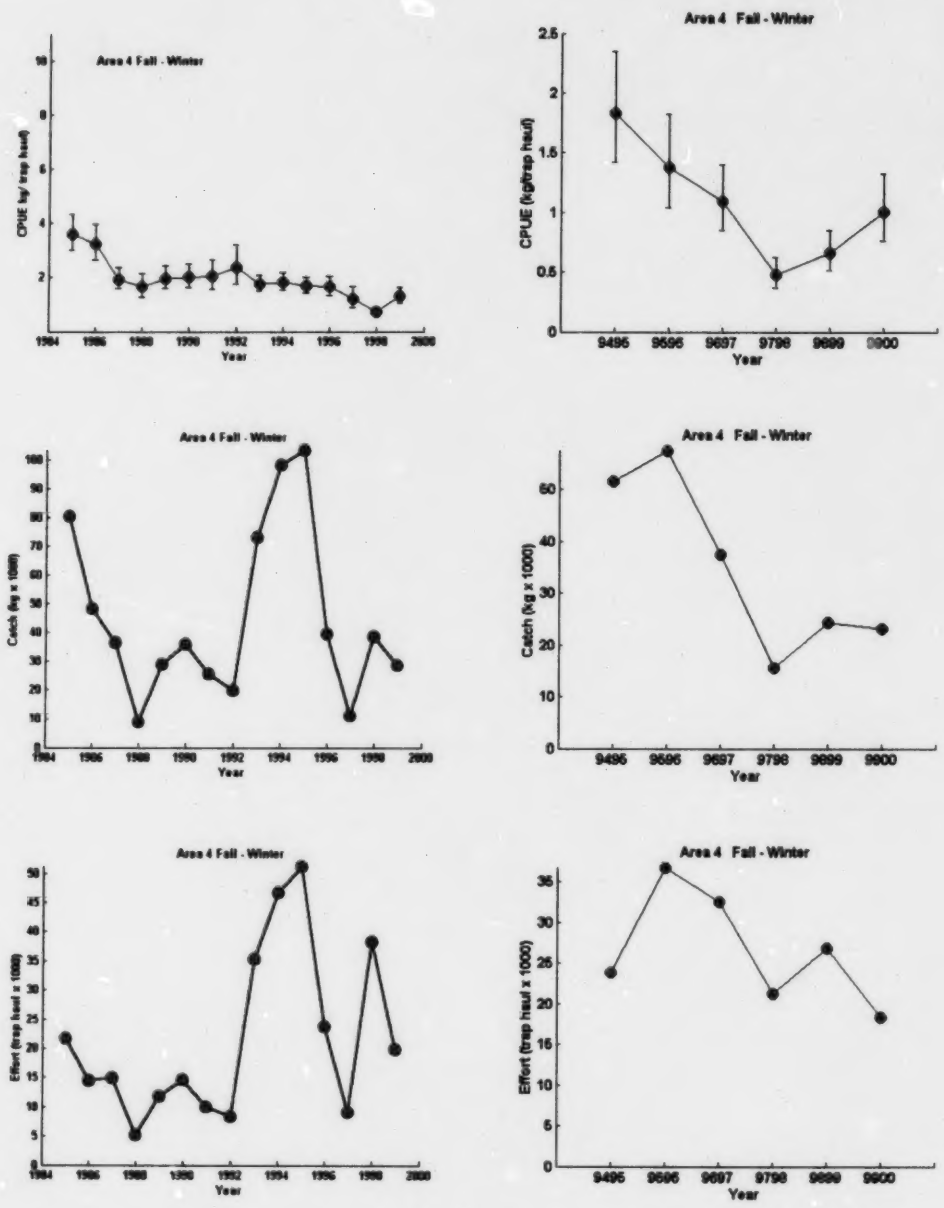


Fig. 9. Comparison of CPUE for 1985-2000 and 1994-2000 model for Area 3, Fall – Winter. Top panel is correlation with r2 between the CPUE for each model, and bottom panel is the CPUE over time for each model. Year is the year the Fall-Winter portion of the season began, see text.



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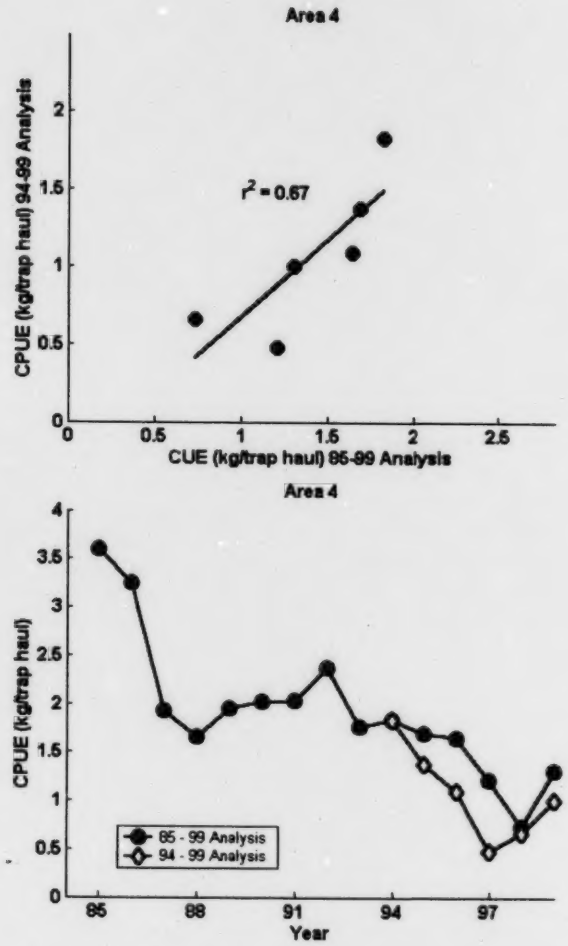

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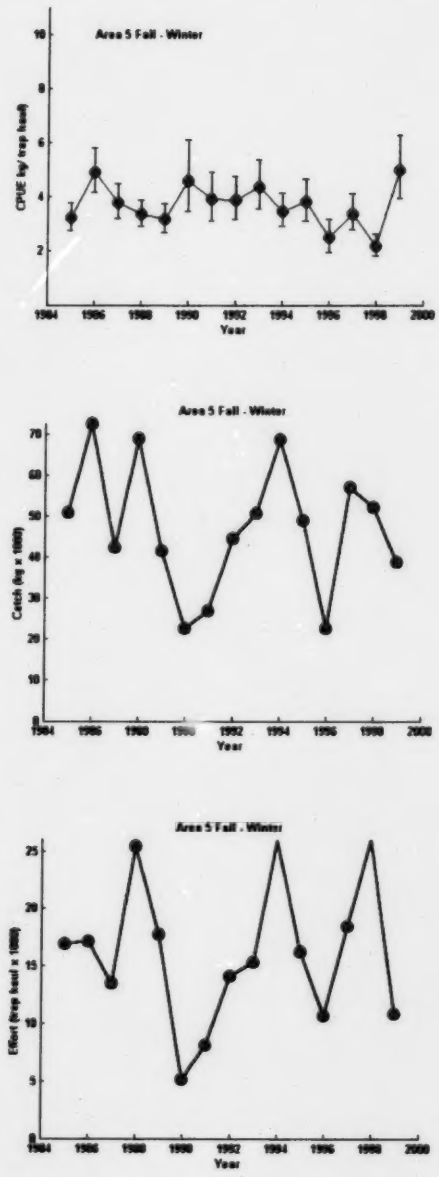


Crab and Captain effects were not significant

Fig. 12. Catch rate (kg/ haul) (CPUE) for Area 5, Fall – Winter anova models. Left column is the analysis for 1985-2000 and right column is for 1994-2000 with crab and captain effects. Year axis for the left hand column indicates year when Fall-Winter portion of the season began, see text.

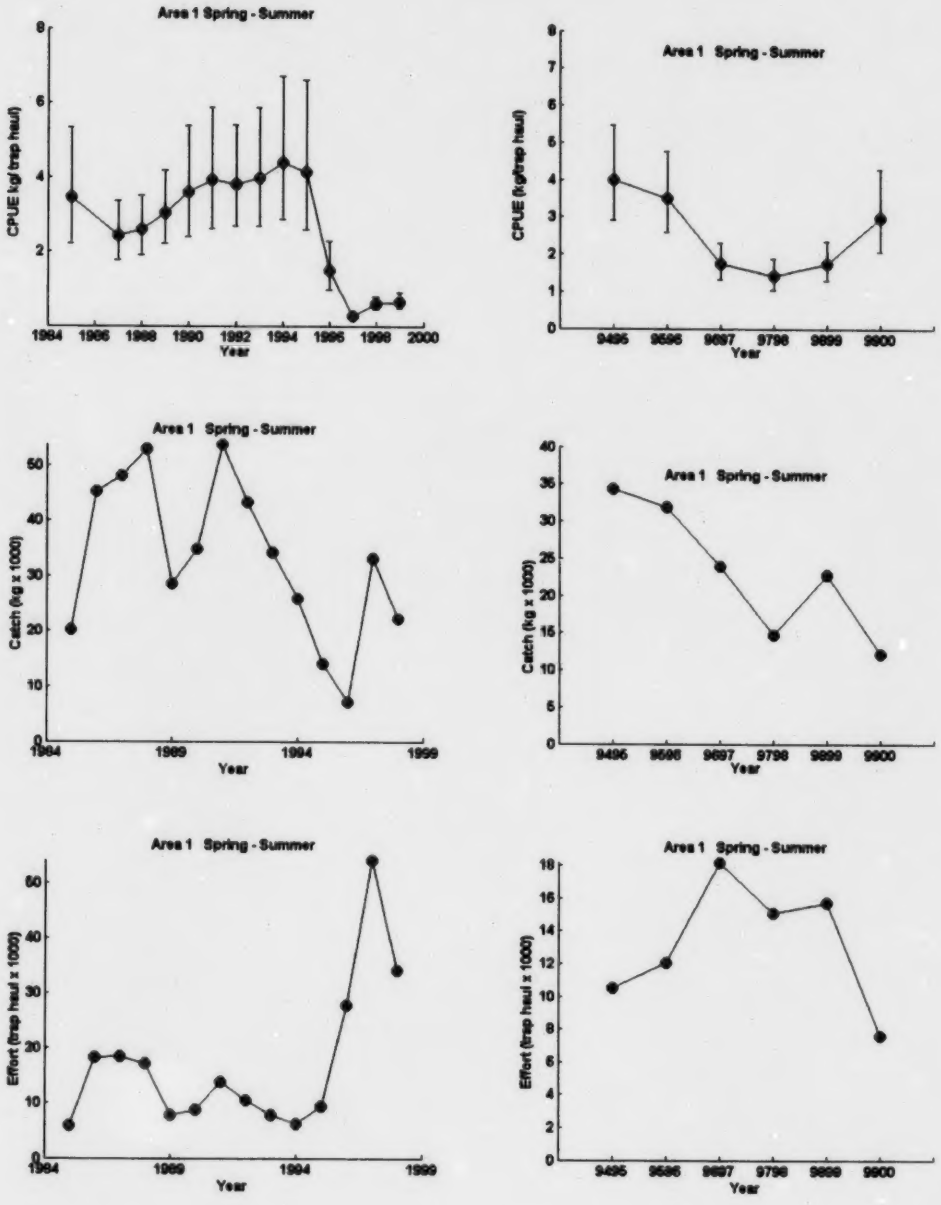


Fig. 13. Catch rate (kg/ haul) (CPUE) for Area 1, Spring - Summer anova models. Left column is the analysis for 1985-2000 and right column is for 1994-2000 with crab and captain effects. Year for left-hand column is the year the Fall-Winter portion of the season began, see text.

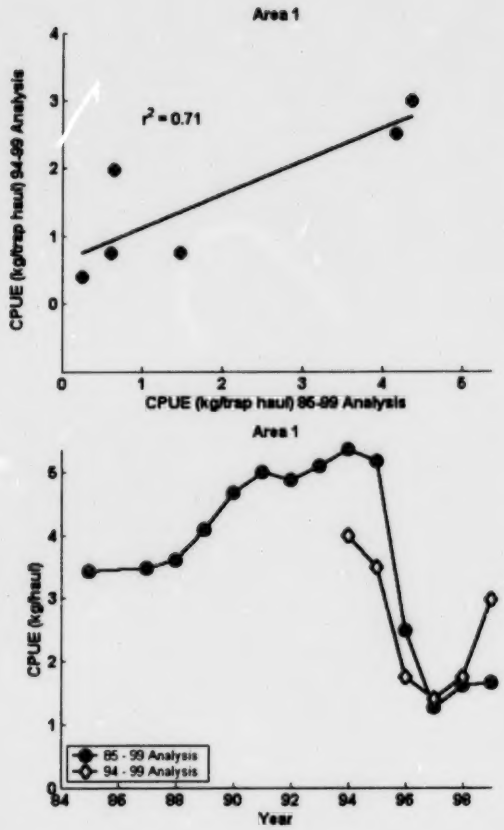


Fig. 14. Comparison of CPUE for 1985-2000 and 1994-2000 model for Area 1, Spring - Summer. Top panel is correlation with r2 between the CPUE for each model, and bottom panel is the CPUE over time for each model. Year is the year the Fall-Winter portion of the season began, see text.

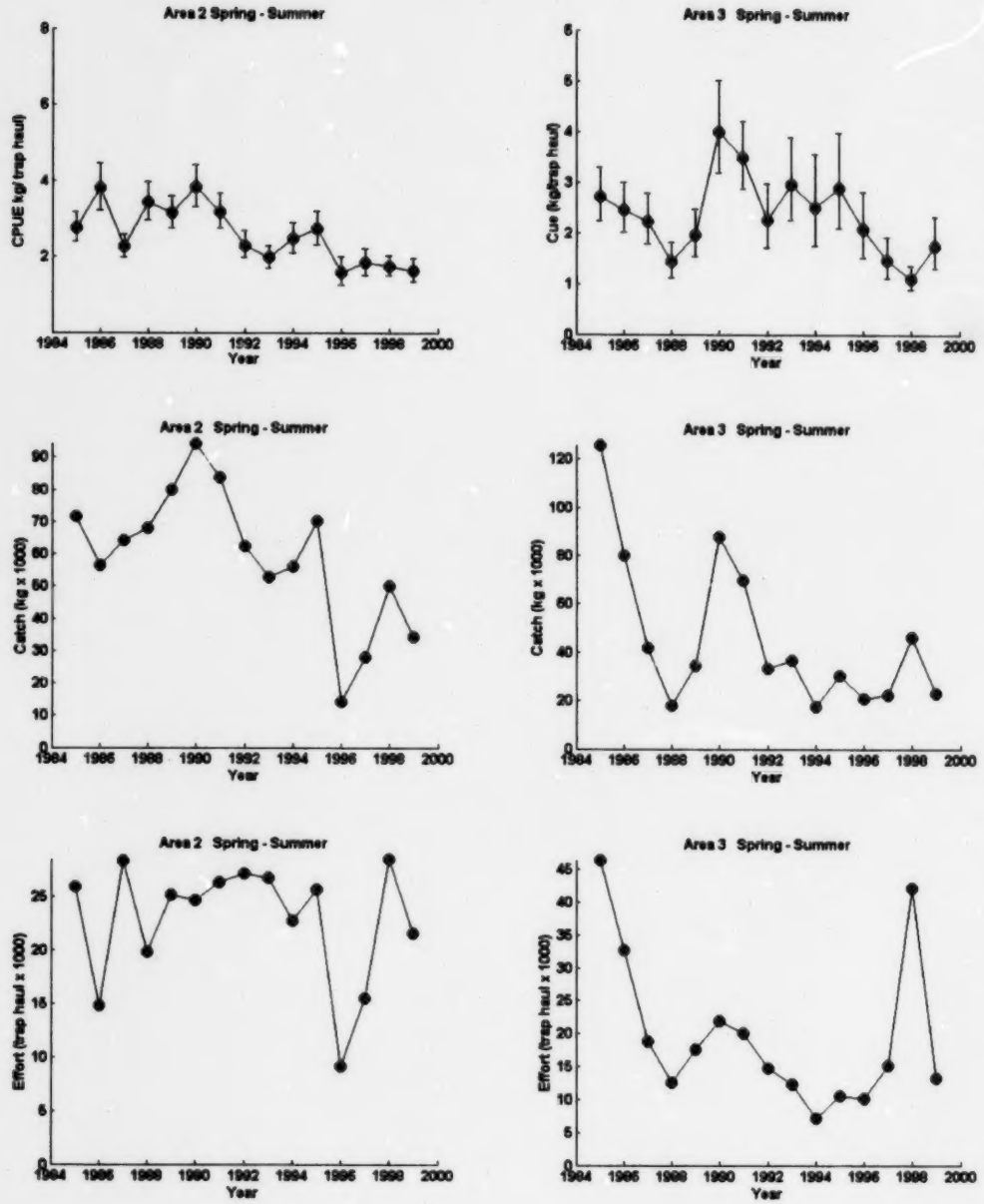
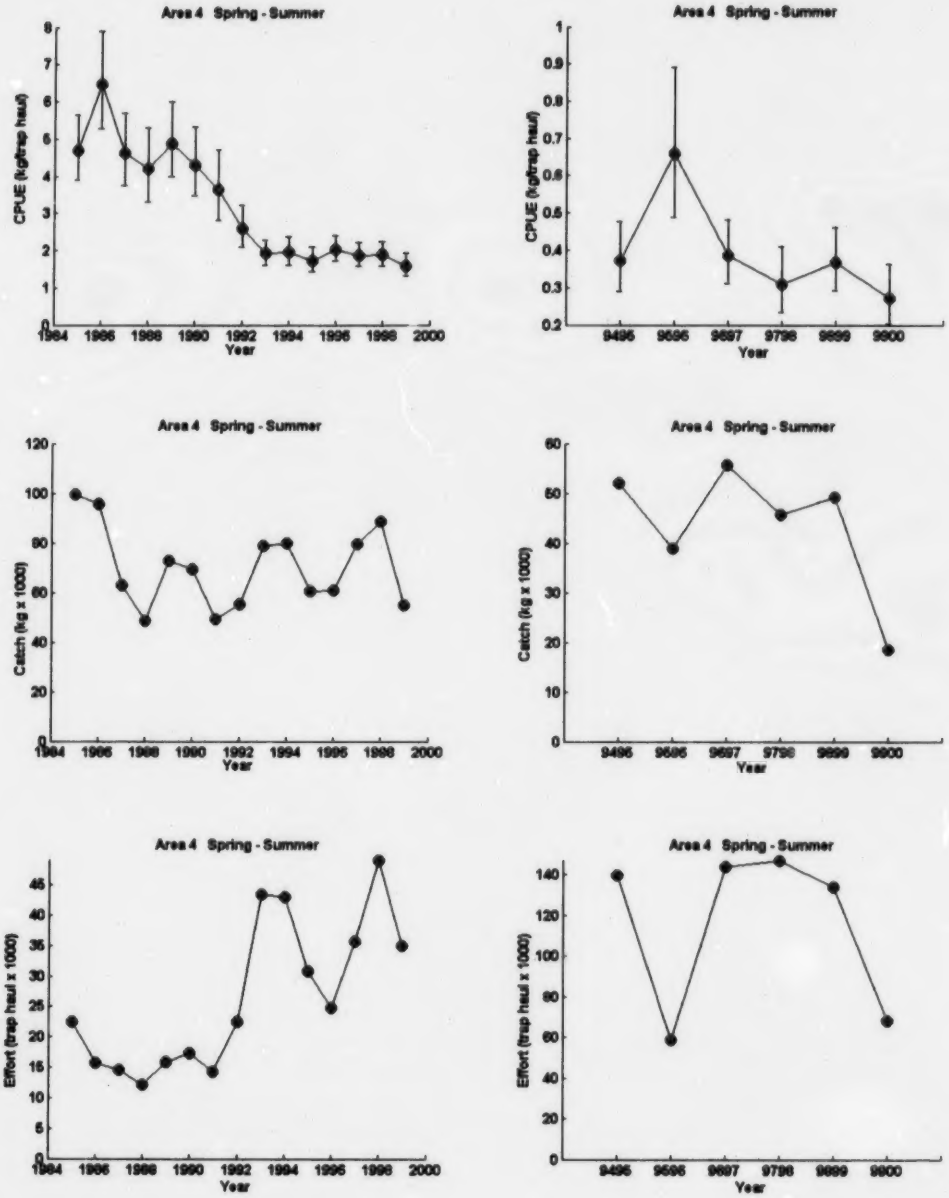


Fig. 15. Catch rate (kg/ haul) (CPUE) for Areas 2 and 3, Spring - Summer anova models. Left column is the analysis for 1985-2000 and right column is for 1994-2000 with crab and captain effects. Year is the year the Fall-Winter portion of the season began, see text.



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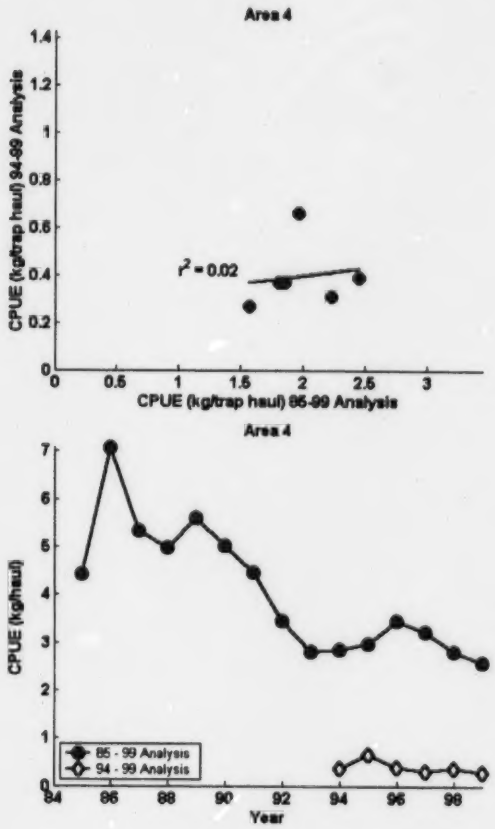
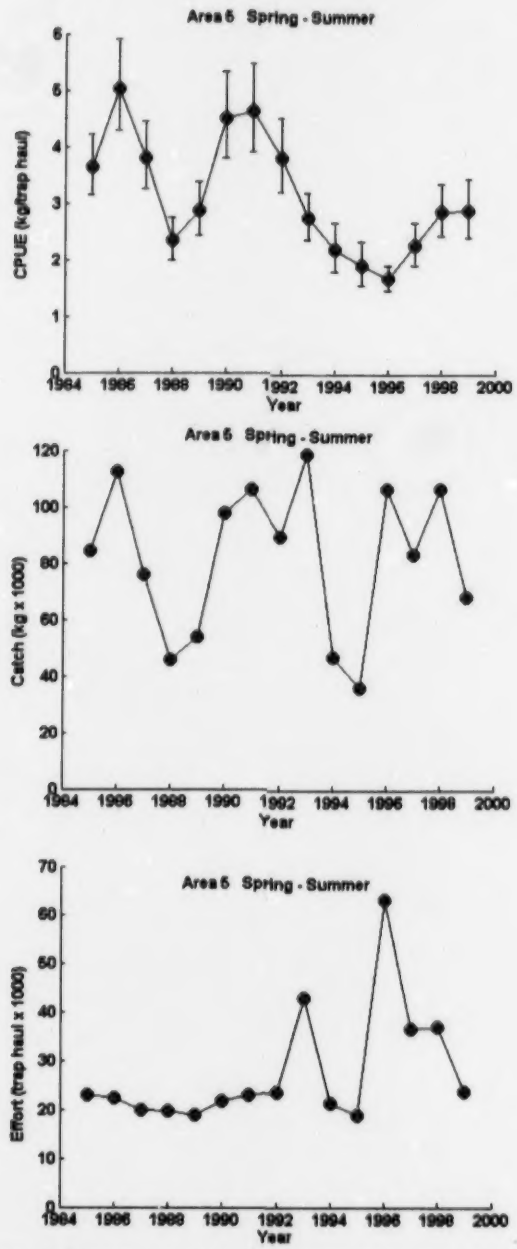


Fig. 17. Comparison of CPUE for 1985-2000 and 1994-2000 model for Area 4, Spring - Summer. Top panel is correlation with r2 between the CPUE for each model, and bottom panel is the CPUE over time for each model. Year is the year the Fall-Winter portion of the season began, see text.



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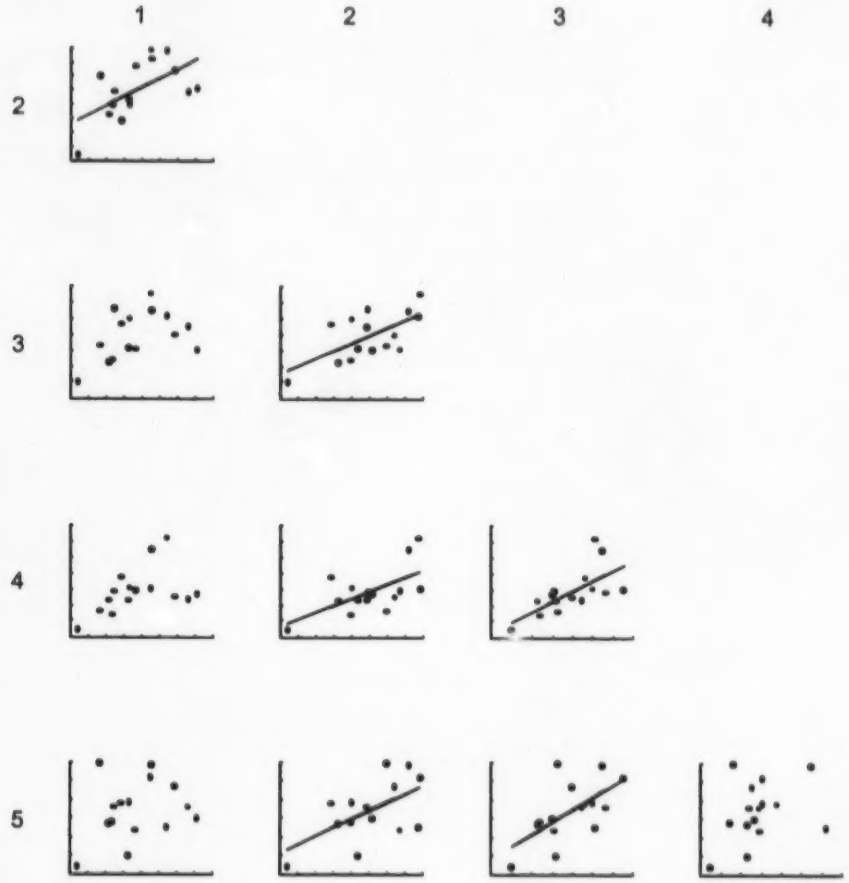
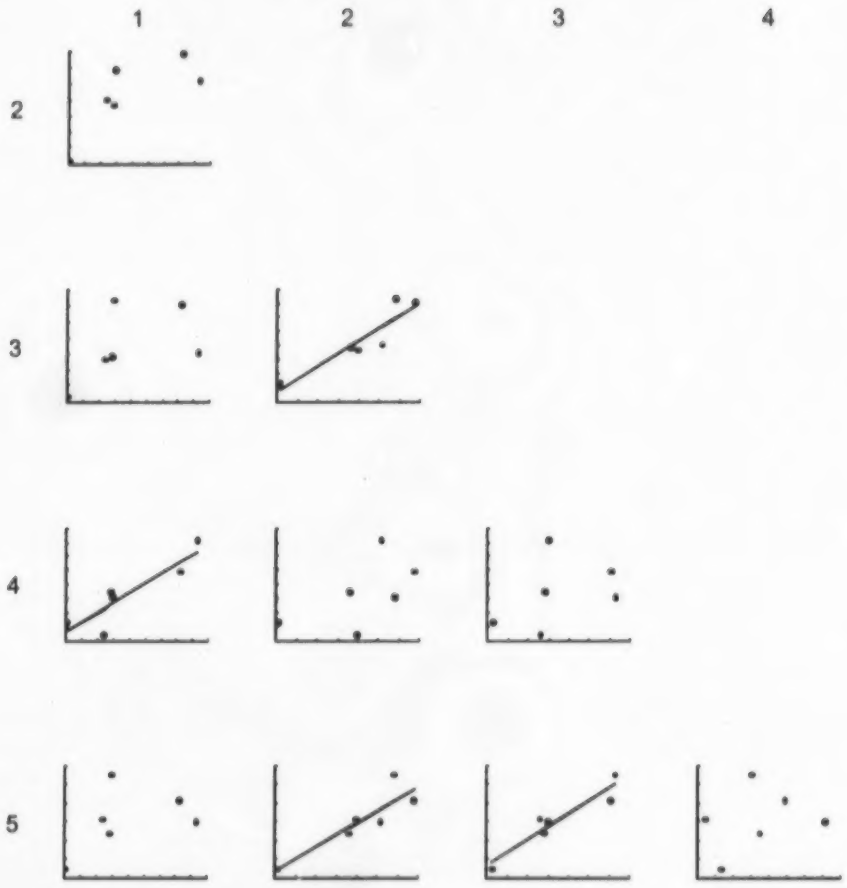


Fig. 19. Regression analyses between LFA 41 Fall-Winter fishing areas for CPUE. Regressions with p-values < 0.05 are shown with prediction linear regression line. Analyses are for 1985-2000. X–axis for each figure is the CPUE (kg/haul) for the area indicated along the top row, and the y-axis is the CPUE for the area indicated in the left hand column.



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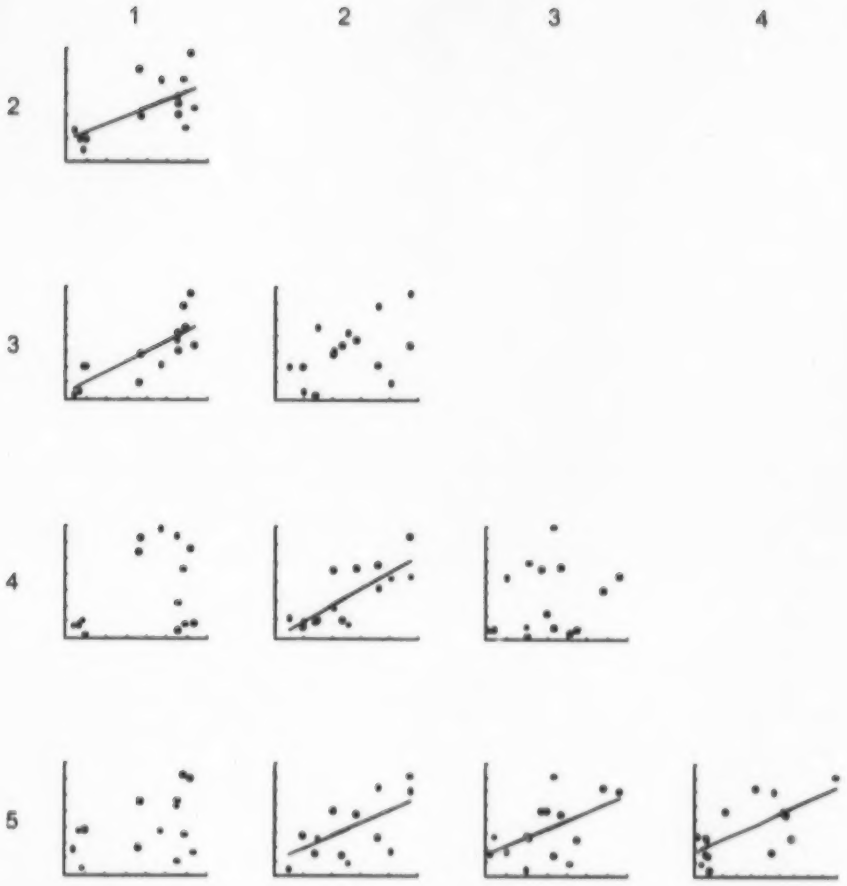

Fig. 21. Regression analyses between LFA 41 Spring-Summer fishing areas for CPUE. Regressions with p-values < 0.05 are shown with prediction linear regression line. Analyses are for 1985-2000. X–axis for each figure is the CPUE (kg/haul) for the area indicated along the top row, and the y-axis is the CPUE for the area indicated in the left hand column.

Fig. 22. Regression analyses between LFA 41 Spring-Summer fishing areas for CPUE. Regressions with p-values < 0.05 are shown with prediction linear regression line. Analyses are for 1994-2000. X–axis for each figure is the CPUE (kg/haul) for the area indicated along the top row, and the y-axis is the CPUE for the area indicated in the left hand column.

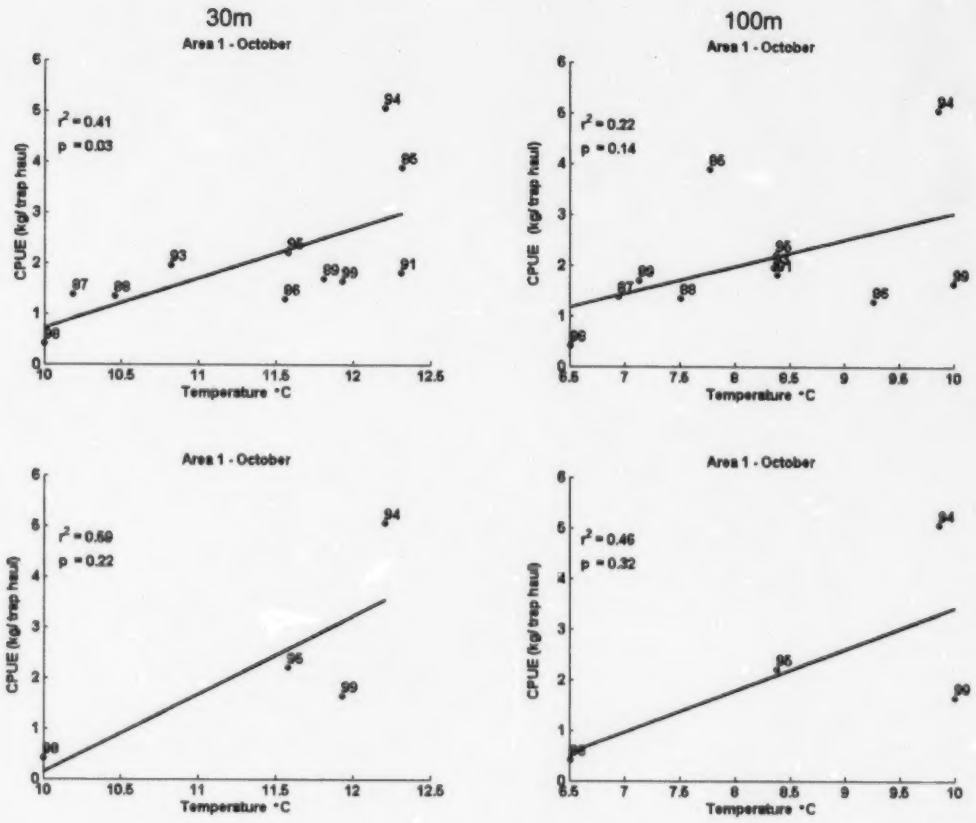

Fig. 23. Results of regression analysis between mean monthly temperature and catch rates for fishing Area 1 and temperature Area 43 at 30m and 100m during October for all possible years. Top row is 1985-2000 data and bottom row is 1994-2000 data. Year is the year the Fall-Winter portion of the season began, see text.

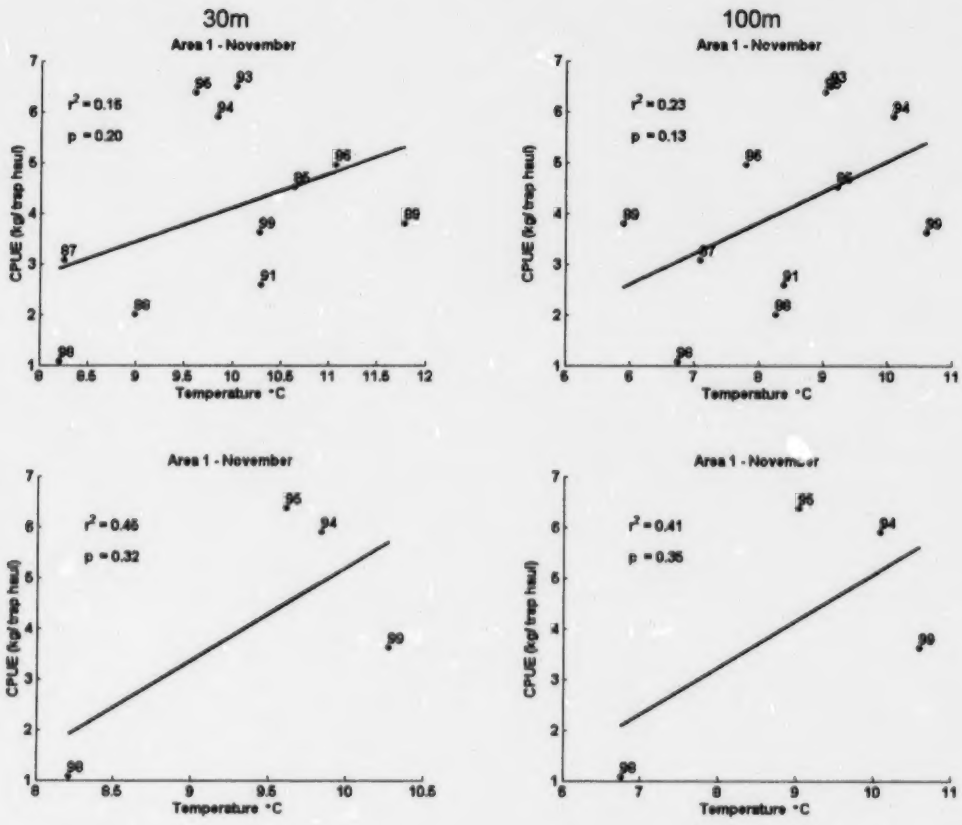

Fig. 24. Results of regression analysis between mean monthly temperature and catch rates for fishing Area 1 and temperature Area 43 at 30m and 100m during November for all possible years. Top row is 1985-2000 data and bottom row is 1994-2000 data. Year is the year the Fall-Winter portion of the season began, see text.

Appendix T.1. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 1, Fall – Winter 1985-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq	d.f.	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	108.72	14	7.76571	25.95	0
14DayWeek	52.395	11	4.76314	15.92	0
Error	120.96	431	0.29921		
Total	321.2	456			

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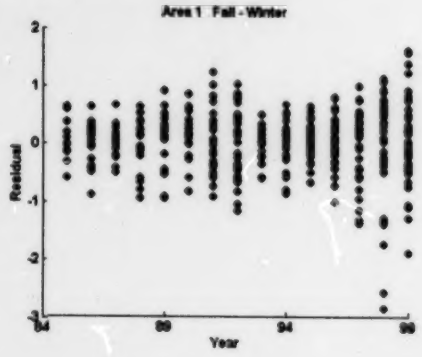

Appendix T.2. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 1, Fall – Winter 1994-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq	d.f.	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	23.9076	5	4.78152	29.64	0
14DayWeek	30.7009	11	2.79099	17.3	0
CrabPercent	0.5708	1	0.57083	3.54	0.0621
Captain	2.5615	2	1.48077	9.18	0.0002
Error	22.0999	137	0.16131		
Total	85.7801	156			

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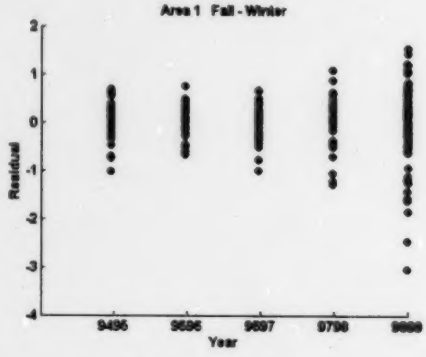

Appendix T.3. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 2, Fall – Winter 1985-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq	d.f.	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	88.513	14	6.3224	26.2	0
14DayWeek	114.776	11	10.4342	43.24	0
Error	221.512	918	0.2413		
Total	431.141	943			

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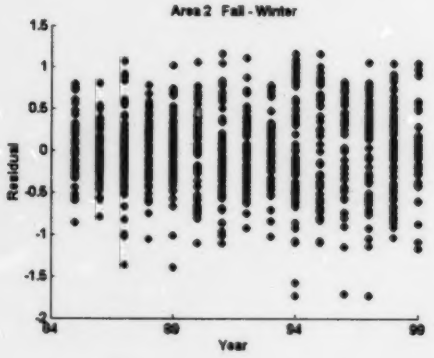

Appendix T.4. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 2, Fall – Winter 1994-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq	d.f.	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	26.2986	5	5.25972	24.11	0
14DayWeek	19.9862	9	2.10958	9.67	0
CrabPercent	0.7559	1	0.75589	3.46	0.0645
Captain	7.7927	2	3.89636	17.86	0
Error	36.2163	166	0.21817		
Total	90.4856	183			

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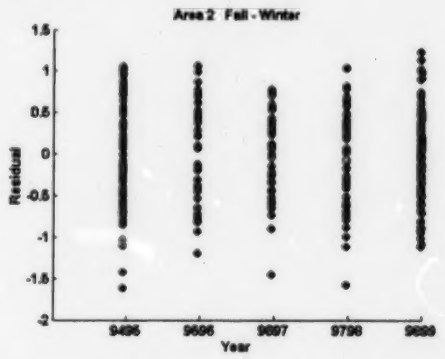

Appendix T.5. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 3, Fall – Winter 1985-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq	d.f.	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	92.438	14	6.60271	30.04	0
14DayWeek	67.59	11	6.14451	27.96	0
Error	162.196	738	0.21978		
Total	336.972	763			

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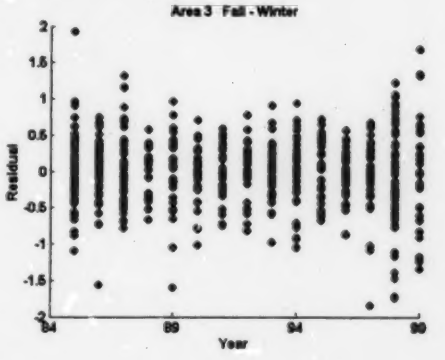

Appendix T.6. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 3, Fall – Winter 1994-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq	d.f.	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	8.5373	5	1.70745	12.49	0
# 14DayWeek	8.7642	10	0.87642	6.41	0
# CrabPercent	0.3733	1	0.37332	2.73	0.0999
Captain	3.8929	2	1.94645	14.24	0
Error	27.7462	203	0.13668		
Total	49.7144	222			

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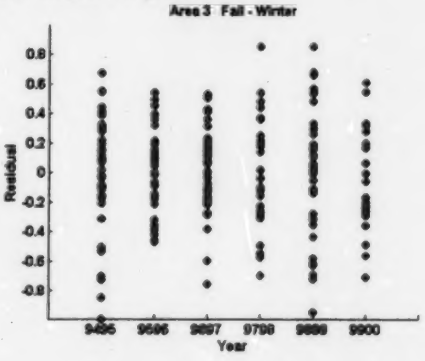
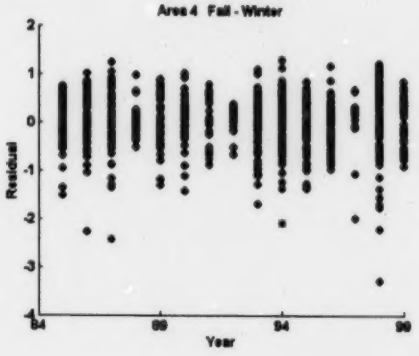


Appendix T.7. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 4, Fall – Winter 1985-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq.	d.f.	Mean Sq.	F	Prob>F
Year	117.907	14	8.42196	25.1	0
14DayWeek	71.891	11	6.53552	19.48	0
Error	247.303	737	0.33555		
Total	445.632	762			

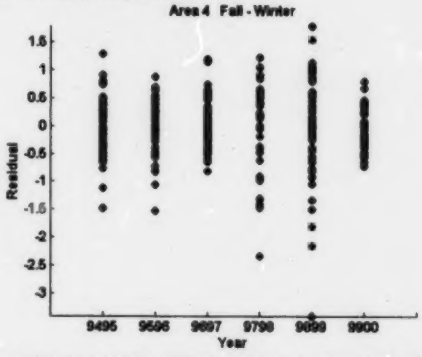
Constrained (Type III) sums of squares



Appendix T.8. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 4, Fall – Winter 1994-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq	d.f.	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	37.52	5	7.504	17.63	0
14DayWeek	47.032	11	4.27562	10.04	0
CrabPercent	1.045	2	0.52229	1.23	0.2948
Captain	10.768	2	5.38412	12.65	0
Error	114.511	269	0.42569		
Total	231.858	289			

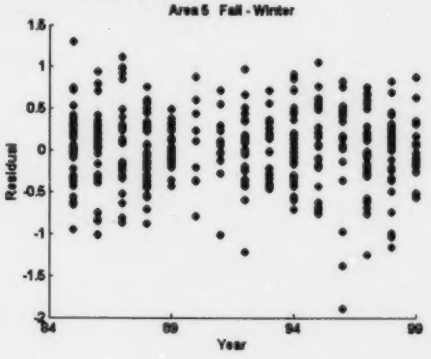
Constrained (Type III) sums of squares



Appendix T.9. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 5, Fall – Winter 1985-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq	d.f.	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	19.830	14	1.41703	7.48	0
14DayWeek	43.708	11	3.97347	20.96	0
Error	89.646	474	0.18955		
Total	154.049	499			

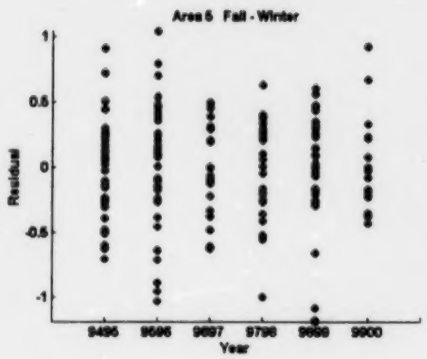
Constrained (Type III) sums of squares



Appendix T.10. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 5, Fall – Winter 1994-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq	d f	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	7 0897	5	1 57793	8 76	0
14DayWeek	18 3117	11	1 6647	9 24	0
CrabPercent	1 4581	2	0 72907	4 05	0 0194
Captain	0 9854	2	0 29269	1 62	0 2003
Error	27 7401	154	0 18013		
Total	53 9466	174			

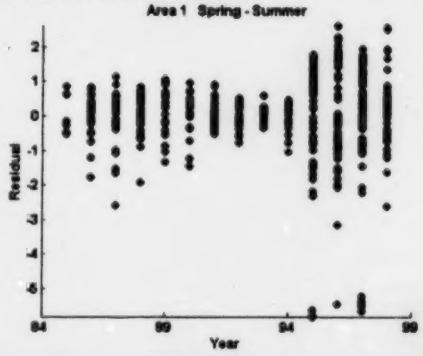
Constrained (Type III) sums of squares



Appendix T.11. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 1, Spring - Summer 1985-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq	d f	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	364 667	13	28 0513	46 84	0
14DayWeek	20 947	13	2 2267	3 72	0
Error	261 707	437	0 5989		
Total	663 864	463			

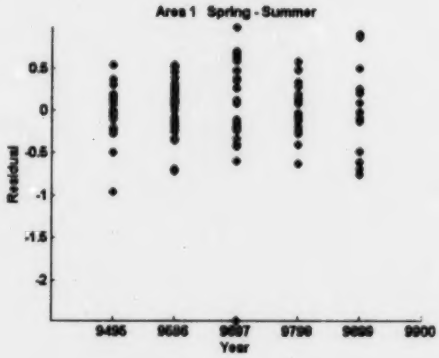
Constrained (Type III) sums of squares



Appendix T.12. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 1, Spring - Summer 1994-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq	d f	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	6 4388	4	1 6097	6 96	0 0001
14DayWeek	14 1346	13	1 08728	4 7	0
CrabPercent	0 6332	2	0 3166	1 37	0 2593
Error	21 9672	95	0 23123		
Total	60 9340	114			

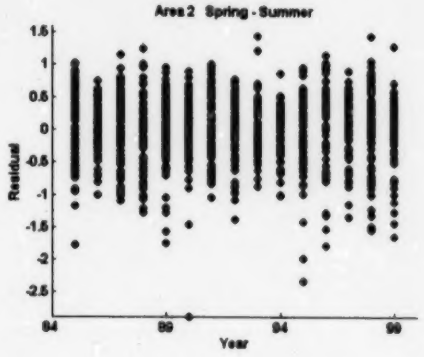
Constrained (Type III) sums of squares



Appendix T.13. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 2, Spring - Summer 1985-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq.	d.f.	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	76.772	14	5.4837	21.20	0
14DayWeek	80.54	13	6.19537	24.04	0
Error	279.612	1085	0.25771		
Total	458.856	1112			

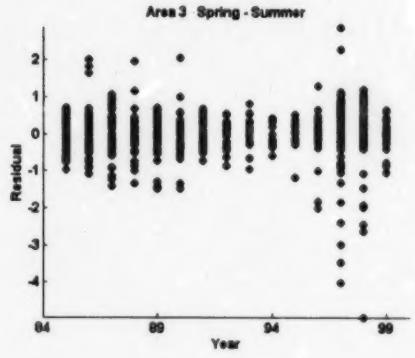
Constrained (Type III) sum of squares



Appendix T.14. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 3, Spring - Summer 1985-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq.	d.f.	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	76.228	14	5.44486	17.6	0
14DayWeek	52.893	13	4.06868	13.15	0
Error	196.749	636	0.30935		
Total	346.948	663			

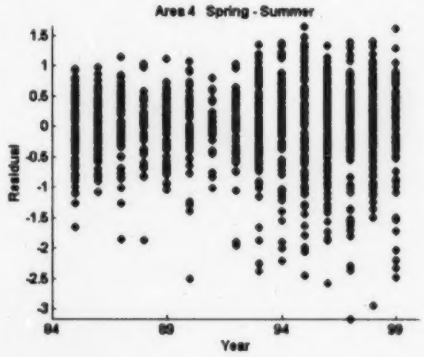
Constrained (Type III) sum of squares



Appendix T.15. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 4, Spring - Summer 1985-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq.	d.f.	Mean Sq	F	Prob>F
Year	176.562	14	12.6116	29.18	0
14DayWeek	108.361	13	8.3355	19.29	0
Error	418.823	969	0.4322		
Total	709.733	996			

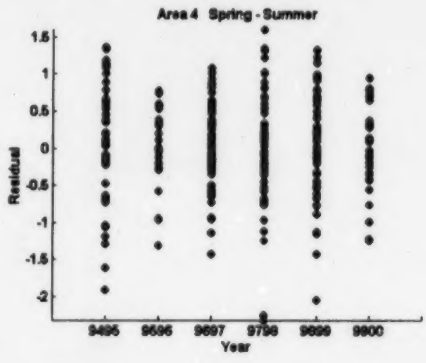
Constrained (Type III) sum of squares



Appendix T.16. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 4, Spring - Summer 1994-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq.	d.f.	Mean Sq.	F	Prob>F
Year	13.105	5	2.62094	5.92	0
14DaySeak	117.354	13	9.02721	20.38	0
Captain	16.85	2	8.42581	19.02	0
Error	135.532	306	0.44292		
Total	287.229	326			

Constrained (Type III) sums of squares



Appendix T.17. Anova results for LFA 41 Area 5, Spring - Summer 1985-2000 analysis showing Type 3 sum of squares (top). Residuals for model are shown in bottom panel.

Source	Sum Sq.	d.f.	Mean Sq.	F	Prob>F
Year	80.783	14	5.7702	22.49	0
14DaySeak	196.111	13	14.1624	55.2	0
Error	224.751	876	0.2566		
Total	603.461	903			

Constrained (Type III) sums of squares